

INTERNATIONAL

More Soviet republics demanding autonomy

TALLINN, Soviet Union, Aug 24, (Reuter): Thousands of Estonians demonstrated for more autonomy from Moscow during a day of rallies in all three Baltic Republics to mark a 1939 pact leading to their incorporation into the Soviet Union.

Tass news agency said 100,000 people also turned out in the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius and several thousand in the Latvian capital of Riga yesterday, the 49th anniversary of the signing of the Nazi-Soviet non-aggression pact.

Secret clauses of the pact, signed by the Nazi and Soviet foreign ministers on August 23, 1939, assigned Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania to the Soviet sphere of influence.

In Tallinn, thousands of people at two rallies heard charges that the Soviet Union had falsified the history of the pact and the resulting annexation of the Baltic countries after Stalin's Red Army entered them in 1940.

Protocols

Soviet authorities have so far stopped short of acknowledging the existence of the secret protocols, despite their publication in two Estonian newspapers this month, the first time they have been published in the Soviet Union.

Some speakers called for total Estonian independence from Moscow, while others suggested that this was unrealistic and urged more economic and political autonomy within the Soviet Union.

"It is not enough to recognise the Soviet occupation of 1940. We have to restore our independence," Lagle Parek, a member of an Estonian group that has urged publication of the 1939 pact, told a rally of about 2,000 people in a Tallinn park.

But Mikk Titma, an Estonian philosopher, warned at a later indoor rally attended by more than 8,000 people that such calls were unrealistic.

"We must go the way of political realism," he said, urging Estonia to pursue "regional economic autonomy" from Moscow.

Strikes end at four mines, another eight remain idle**Polish labour unrest eases**

WARSAW, Aug 24, (Agencies): Work resumed at four of Poland's striking mines today amid signs that the country's worst labour unrest since 1981 was easing.

Police in riot gear ordered miners occupying shafts at two of the mines to leave and detained at least seven people, strike organisers said. No force was used.

Police also entered a bus depot in the northwestern city of Szczecin and ordered out striking workers, but there was again no use of force, depot workers said.

Police stormed three transport depots in the city earlier in the week.

After a strike ended yesterday at Andaluzja colliery in Silesia, a stoppage at the Lenin mine in Myslowice-Wesola near Katowice concluded along with strikes at the Victoria and Walbrzych mines in Silesia, the official PAP news agency said.

The police actions occurred at the Victoria and Walbrzych collieries. The end of the strikes cut to eight the total number of idle mines.

20 hurt in queue for cheap bread

BELGRADE, Aug 24, (AP): Twenty people sought medical help after a jostling queue for cheap bread turned into a stampede in the poor southern Yugoslav region of Macedonia, the Vecernje Novosti daily said today.

The Belgrade daily quoted the Macedonian daily Nova Macedonia as saying the stampede occurred in the town of Titov Velez, 50 kilometres southeast of Skopje, capital of Yugoslavia's southernmost province.

It gave no date for the incident, but said that many bakeries in Macedonia do not honour an official recommendation that at least 60 per cent of their production should be made up of cheaper varieties of bread.

"Many people with their standards of living in balance wake up early in the morning to form lines in front of bakeries," the paper said.

Bomb blast hurts Belfast policemen

BELFAST, Aug 24, (Reuters): Two Northern Ireland policemen were wounded in a bomb blast today hours after guerrillas burst in on a children's party in Belfast and hijacked a car to plant a bomb in the city centre.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) said the policemen suffered minor injuries in the explosion near Maghera, county Londonderry. A parked van blew up as their patrol car passed a spot only 30 miles (50 km) from the site of an Irish Republican Army (IRA) bomb which killed eight British soldiers at the weekend.

Casualties

Guerrillas who struck in Belfast last evening burst into a home where a children's birthday party was being held.

Police said the bombers held four children and five adults hostage while they used their car to

launched a preliminary investigation into the actions of strike leaders yesterday and a curfew was imposed in Jastrzebie, the coal-mining town where the strike wave began.

The ruling Communist Party politburo accepted at a meeting last night that Poles were justified in complaining of difficult living conditions, but said this did not warrant illegal strikes.

"It is necessary to urgently prepare a package of provisional measures and a programme for the consolidation of the national economy," the politburo said, without releasing details of the measures.

Mixture

The government overcame two weeks of strikes in May with a mixture of force and payoffs, authorising annual pay rises of up to 37 per cent instead of a national ceiling of 30 per cent.

The move came despite inflation running at 50 percent.

The nine-member council of Polish bishops was meeting in Warsaw and was expected to discuss the strikes.

The influential Roman Catholic episcopate played a key mediating role in the May strikes.

Bishop Damian Zimon of Katowice expressed sympathy for the strikers' grievances in a pastoral message published in the pro-government Catholic daily Slowo Powszechnie.

"The basic cause of the present social and economic situation is the violation of the human rights and dignity of the working people," he said.

Influence

"I appeal to all those having any influence on the current course of events to undertake negotiations and... I express the categorical demand that the arduous toil of the people be treated with all seriousness."

The Soviet Union says it is watching the situation in Poland carefully, but has not issued any official comment on the continuing unrest there.

Soviet media today issued reports on a meeting of the Polish Communist Party's politburo, but offered no commentary.

Curbs

The authorities are seeking to curb the strikes through special powers granted by the Interior Ministry which allow the imposition of curfews, summary court proceedings and an increased militia presence at strike-hit plants.

State prosecutors in Katowice, Gdansk and Szczecin



Solidarity leader Lech Wałęsa addresses workers at the Lenin shipyard in Gdańsk during the second day of strike. (Reuters wirephoto)

Israel rejects US protest on deportations

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"The aim of the PLO here is to cause anarchy and it is trying very hard to do that. We will not allow the PLO to send in money, to encourage alternative systems to Israeli authority," he said during a tour of the West Bank.

A senior Israeli official, calling the American statement unprecedentedly harsh, said the Foreign Ministry had warned the government of severe political damage from the growing number of expulsions, urging that they be reduced and delayed.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Alon Liel stated: "Israel does not accept the US interpretation on this matter. The legality of the deportations was recently considered by the high court of justice which, in a detailed and reasoned ruling, found deportations were legal both by Israeli and international law."

In the West Bank, shops and factories closed and public transport halted at the start of the general strike called by the clandestine "united national leadership" of the uprising.

The Army destroyed the houses of three Palestinian suspects in the Jalazoun refugee camp near Ramallah, none of whom has been tried for any offence.

Hurting

A military spokesman said the Army had captured three "terror gang" suspected of hurling fire bombs at Israeli buses, inciting violent protests and beating to death an Arab accused of collaborating with Israel's secret police.

Israel Radio said Palestinian militants in several West Bank towns prevented workers from leaving for their jobs in Israel, injuring three labourers when they stoned a bus outside the village of Shuweika, near Tulkarm.

In the Gaza Strip, many Palestinians left for work in Israel, apparently unaware of the strike, which Israeli military censors barred news media from reporting in advance. Leaflets appeared in mid-morning and Palestinian activists quickly enforced the stoppage, witnesses said.

Palestinian sources blamed two more deaths on Israeli Army action in the Gaza Strip. A doctor said a 12-year-old boy from the Shati refugee camp had died of tear gas inhalation. A military spokesman cited natural causes.

Benazir given armed guards after threats

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She blasted the cabinet and said she would try to unify opposition parties in upcoming elections.

"These are people who know they will lose their power, their privilege, their patronage Nov 16 and it is they who will do whatever they can to prevent the holding of fair, free and impartial elections," she said.

Caretaker
Thirteen of the 16 ministers were appointed by Zia.

Benazir called on acting President Ghulam Ishaq Khan to dismiss the cabinet and appoint a caretaker government until elections.

She expressed confidence that if elections were conducted fairly she would win. She said her government would seek to attract outside investment, maintain close relations with the United States and honour commitments to guerrillas fighting the communist government in Afghanistan.

Ishaq Khan and opposition parties including the PPP, the country's largest political organisation, have appealed for sectarian tolerance during Asura.

Ishaq Khan said in a speech Pakistan's 103 million people faced "internal and external threats."

Iran Air denies...
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Airline sources in Kuwait said they did not expect either Iran Air or Kuwait Airways to immediately resume service between the two countries.

"This requires a political decision and that will take time," said a European airline manager.

• Dubai's Emirates Airline is planning flights to Iran and Iraq, an official said in Abu Dhabi.

The airline, founded in 1985, will fly to Tehran and Shiraz in Iran and Baghdad and Basra in Iraq. Deputy Manager Sultan Diyab told the Emirates news agency WAM.

Earthquakes

NICOSIA, Aug 24, (Renter): About 30 aftershocks rocked the Iranian desert town of Garmsar near Tehran yesterday and today after three earthquakes broke windows and blocked roads in nearby villages, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported.

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Sheikh Sabah praises China's peace role

DEPUTY Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed and Iraq's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Dr Saadoun Hammadi returned yesterday from Beijing. They are members of the Arab committee assigned to follow developments in Iran-Iraq war.

Sheikh Sabah told Kuwait News Agency that he and Hammadi discussed with the Chinese officials the situation in the Gulf.

Bolstering

Sheikh Sabah also said he and Hammadi thanked the Chinese officials for their role in bolstering peace in the Gulf region.

"We affirmed to them our readiness to work together within the framework of the Security Council Resolution 598 in order to boost peace chances which we hope for in this vital region and to a way that realises security and stability for its inhabitants," he said.

Appreciation

Sheikh Sabah expressed appreciation for the Chinese officials' readiness to do whatever is needed for effective implemen-



Sheikh Sabah (third from right) returned to Kuwait yesterday after visiting China.

Foreign Undersecretary Suleiman Majed Al Shaheen, the Iraqi ambassador to Kuwait, and ranking Foreign Ministry officials.

Food for kindergartens won't be stopped

DESPITE previous news to the contrary, it has now been denied that the Ministry of Education has decided to stop providing children at kindergartens with food at the beginning of the new academic year.

A source at the ministry stated that there was no study about not providing food, nor is the ministry even considering such a move, since it fully appreciates the importance of the food service.

Commenting on a story published in a local daily about food poisoning reported in some schools last year, the source said that the ministry revealed the details of the incident in all local newspapers.

The ministry was not responsible for the poisoning and proved that it was caused by an infected food company worker, the source said. The incident was a result of negligence in inspection of places that produce food, which is beyond the duties of the ministry, he said.

The ministry is ready to cooperate with the Ministry of Public Health and the Municipality in more strictly controlling school canteens, he said.

Chief of staff to visit Moscow

MOSCOW, Aug 24, (Reuters): The chief of staff of the Kuwaiti armed forces will visit the Soviet Union later this month, the official Tass news agency said today.

Tass said Major-General Mazyed Abdul Rahman Al Sani had been invited by Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev, the Soviet Armed Forces Chief of Staff and a close adviser to Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

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He also praised the patronage of the government and its moral and material support for the co-operative movement.

Campaign to protect Kuwait's coast

A CAMPAIGN organised by the Environment Protection Council in co-operation with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour to protect Kuwait's shore-line ended last Monday.

The campaign included several seminars which focused on ways to protect the coast of Kuwait and its marine environment.

The last seminar dealt with the effects of sewage water on chalets and the people using them. Omar Bu Hamad from the Ministry of Public Works warned of the dangers of sewage which is poured into the sea.

Eidain Al Gallaf from the Environment Protection Council stressed the importance of protecting public utilities and educating people about the harmful effects of pollution.

The closing ceremony will be on Sept 1. Prizes will be distributed to winners of competitions organised during the campaign.

Sewage water purification

THE sub-committee for Public Utilities and Services at Kuwait's Ministry of Public Works recently finished their study on the expansion of the sewage water purification station in the Ardya area, a local daily quoted an official source from the Ministry of Public Works as saying.

The study will help increase the amount of treated water used in agriculture.

The study also confirmed the importance of preserving the environment, source said. The official said the project will be the biggest in the country.

The project provides for efficient removal of organic pollution at a reasonable cost, the official said.

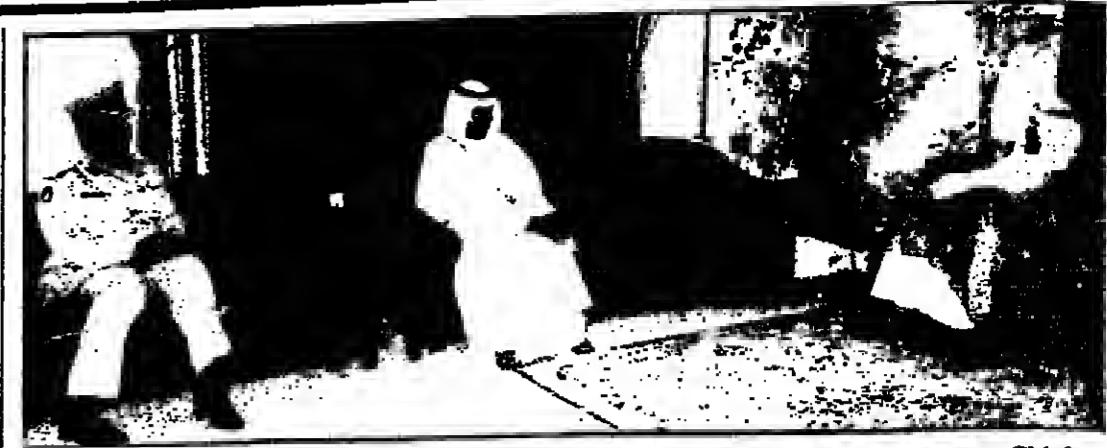
Rent allowances

STATISTICS issued by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour have revealed that 8,447 Kuwaiti families received KD2,475,000 in rent allowances during the first quarter of this year. No cases of begging were reported during the first quarter of 1988.

ROYAL COURT

Amiri audiences

HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla yesterday received Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf and Major General Jaber Khalid Al Sabah (left).



Co-operative movement gaining ground

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KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

PLO asked to be cautious

A KUWAITI daily yesterday warned leaders of the Palestine Liberation Organisation against making a decision on a government-in-exile without carefully studying the repercussions of such an action.

The daily Al Rai Al Aam said in an editorial: "There are fears that statements and hints about establishing that government... would exhaust and disturb the uprising with plans that might be too early to talk about."

"Current circumstances have not yet matured enough to adopt sudden decisions or take serious steps that could face the Palestinian question with unclear avenues leading to unknown future," the newspaper said.

"The Palestinian state, government and parliament should do a slow objective analysis of the regional and international Arab situation because it is important to choose the right time and a successful step."

Several PLO leaders recently said that a government-in-exile may be established, and some have affirmed that such a government will be announced before the end of the year.

Fighting crime

JUJIS, Aug 24, (KUNA): The second meeting of the Arab committee for fighting organised crime today passed recommendations that will be tabled with the Arab Interior Ministers Council in the first week of December.

The conferees, representing 15 Arab countries, recommended boosting Arab co-operation in fighting the growing problem of drug trafficking in the Arab region.

The participants who ended their two-day conference today discussed methods of smuggling drugs through airports and the effects of organised crime on society.

Meanwhile, in Vienna, a UN committee for preventing crime today continued deliberations in its 10th session in the UN centre here.

Twenty-seven representatives are attending the meetings which began on Monday. The director of the Researches and Studies Department at the Kuwaiti Interior Minister Colonel Abdulla Meguid Khyrebit placed high importance on Arab participation in the meetings.

The Kuwaiti official told KUNA that such international meetings give Arab participants the chance to explain their views on atrocious practices by Israel against the Palestinian people in the occupied Arab lands.

The committee might discuss the brutal Israeli measures under the article of family violence, juvenile crimes and contemporary crimes, he said.

A number of Arab countries are attending the committee meetings which will also discuss preventing juvenile crimes and forming regulations that will prevent youths from committing crimes.

Khyrebit added that Arab countries have tabled with the conference fields studies on preventing crimes.

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Iraq highlights Iranian violations

PARIS, Aug 24, (KUNA): The Iraqi embassy in Paris has published in the French press an article on "Who started the war" underlining Baghdad's position in future international arbitration.

Under a note of advertisement, the one-page article lists major Iranian violations against Iraqi borders and airspace in 1979 and 1980. Iraq sent 293 protest notes to the UN about the violations, the article said.

Instigating

The article also quotes Iranian officials, before the war started in September 1980, on their attitude towards neighbouring

Iraqi Shi'ites mark Ashura

KARBALA, Iraq, Aug 24, (Reuters): In Karbala, worshippers chanting religious verses and beating their chests rhythmically form giant processions, generating an emotional intensity which causes many to break down.

Ceremonies

The ceremonies mark Hussein's death in battle at the hands of a rival Muslim in the seventh century.

Alas, alas, only Hussein

"Alas, alas, only Hussein can bring us peace, only he can bring us joy, praise God," murmured an old woman choked with emotion as she wandered across the square between the gold-domed shrines of Imam Hussein and Abbas.

Inside the mosque dedicated to Abbas, families sat on the stone floor of the outer courtyard, resting in the shade of the blue-tiled alcoves after the processions were over.

Only a decade or so ago

Only a decade or so ago, frenzied marchers would cut their foreheads with swords or sharp chains until blood flowed down their white garments.

Prayer

The practice persists among the Shi'ites of south Lebanon, but in Iraq it has long been discouraged.

Meanwhile the training department at Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) will organise five courses from Sept 3-28.

The courses will be attended by a number of employees from KISR's departments and will cover industrial safety, fire fighting, safety procedures for KISR laboratory technicians and computer systems.

Food poisoning

ELEVEN people suffered food poisoning last Monday after eating at the Kuwait National Petroleum Co. (KNPC) restaurant at the Shuaiba Oil Refinery, according to a local daily.

Two Kuwaitis, seven Indians and two Arabis became ill after eating sandwiches at the restaurant, sources said. All the 11 were released after treatment at the Ahmad Hospital.

Authorities are investigating the cause of the poisonings.

Observing Mars

THE Ujairi Observatory at the Science Club has invited members of the public and amateur astronomers to observe the planet Mars in September.

The observatory said it will allow all those interested to use the main telescope. On Sept 22, the planet will be 56 million kilometres from Earth.

The observatory has been following Mars and Jupiter and will continue to observe Mars throughout September.



This picture of Jupiter was taken by the Ujairi Observatory on Monday.

Gulf Air gets permission to fly to Baghdad, Tehran

MANAMA, Aug 22, (AP): Gulf Air has permission to resume flights to the capital cities of Iran and Iraq, it was reported here today.

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WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum

The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 3:30 am to 12:30 noon and 4:30 to 7:30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jabiya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs.

On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

FILMS

British Council

Bugs Bunny takes off on a

ridiculous romp through children's classics like Goldilocks,

Jack and the Beanstalk, etc. in 1001 Rabbit Tales, showing on Aug 25 at 10:30 am.

The Assam Garden, the

story of the relationship between a British and an Indian woman, stars Deborah Kerr and Madhur Jaffrey. It will be shown on Aug 27 and 28 at 6:30 pm.

It is advisable to reserve seats in advance by telephoning the library.

SOCIAL

Welcome Back to Kuwait

The Sounds Great organiza-

tion will hold a "Welcome Back to Kuwait" party at the Messiahs Beach Hotel on Sept 29 at 8 pm. The Sounds Great bands will be in attendance. For table reservations, ring Ken Winston or Adolf 5740256/7 or 5758870.

Indian Ballet

Narthana a dance troupe led by Mohiniyattam exponent

Pramela Surendran, will stage a

a ballet, Panchavati, and a

number of Nrithasipas at its

annual show, Nrithotsav, at the

Indian Arts Circle, on Sept 22 at 7:00 pm. Admission will be

strictly limited; for free passes, contact Prameela 4337608.

Sounds Great

Auditions will be held on

Sept 15-17 for singers and dan-

cers for the next Sounds Great

show, to be held at the Sal-

miyah cinema on Oct 19-22.

For further information, ring

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Onam Festival

The Viswabharathi theatres,

Abbasiva, will celebrate Onam

on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts

Circle. IAC President M. Mat-

thews will be the chief patron.

The programme comprises

Onam songs, Mohiniyattam,

classical dances, Thiruvath-

irakkali, folk dances, light

music, one-act play, boat race

and Kerala rural arts. It will

begin at 7:30 pm. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar

Varghese — 431451; Thomas

Perumpilly — 4810490 ext

207; Varghese Paradyayil

5422973.

Kuwait Malayalees

Kuwait Malayalees Onam

Celebration Committee will

celebrate Onam on Aug 26

from 9:00 am onwards, at the

Indian Embassy auditorium,

with cultural programmes,

competitions, and traditional

Onasadya in Kerala style. For

passes, please contact 2412986,

5629747, 3943662.

Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. will present the

"Come September Ball" at

the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on

September 1 at 8:30 pm. High-

lights include the selection of

the Queen of Queens. Top

Ranks and Stepping Stones will

be in attendance. For reserva-

tions, contact J. D'Sa at

2450279, 3981790, 3924659.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

FM Services

9600 Easy Listening News

9640 Easy Listening, 1000 Songs and Music

1100 Country and Western

1200 Songs and Music

1300 Easy Listening

1300 News

1400 Alan Al Naghm: Classical

Music

1500 Arabic Songs and Music

1800 Party Music

1900 Scene and Heard

2000 Party Music

2130 News

2145 Party Music

2200 Closedown

BBC World Services

1000 World News

09 News about Britain

15 Radio News

30 Radio Active

100 News Summary followed by

15 Weather

40 Book Choice

45 Society Today

200 World News

09 British Press Review

15 Network UK

100 World News

Country Western Musical

The American Community Theatre is rounding up singers, dancers and musicians for their annual country and western musical, to be held at the end of September. Interested talents, contact Nancy Parker 2523911 ext 234, 5725071 (evenings) or Nola Anderson 2428366.

Varca Sporting Centre.

Varca Sporting Centre will hold their third annual social evening at the Tent SAS hotel on Sept 22 at 8:00 pm. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Stepping Stones. For reservations and further details, contact Roland 2430581 or James 5331940.

HOTELS

At Messiah Beach

Al Mubarakiyah restaurant, open 24 hours, offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a variety of snacks.

At the Holiday Inn

Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers international buffet meals at lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 pm; a la carte also available. Fresh pastries and cakes can be bought every day at the Viennese Cafe. The Hanging Babylon Gardens are ideal for a period of quiet relaxation.

On Wednesday, join the Shabaz barbecue at the pool-side; there will be games, prizes and surprises. On Thursday, enjoy music and food at the Arabian Night at the Al Andalus Supper Club. Al Dana offers a special treat for children at the Friday brunch, open from 11 am to 3 pm.

At the Kuwait Plaza

The Al Dallah coffee shop offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a set menu mini business lunch. Ice-cream festival at the International Food Arcade; light snacks also available; open 10:00 am to 10:45 pm. There is a mini-barbecue every Friday by the garden pool, noon till 3 pm.

Sports

IVth Winners Cup

cricket tournament

The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning Sept 16. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the Ahmadi Governorate Ground located behind the Computer Centre. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Se, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm. The draw will be held on Friday, Aug 26, at 9 am at the Kuwait Lanka Restaurant, Fahajah.

Masters' Bowling

Tournament

The second Masters' Tournament, open to both men and women, will be held at 300 Silver Tower (behind US embassy). The deadline for registration is Aug 23. For particulars, please contact Sarah Macarimbang 4843447.

Salicate United

The Salicate United Sports Centre will hold their third annual Gold Cup Football Tournament starting Sept 9. Those interested may contact Peter 2434415 or Mariano 4744150 after 5 pm, before Sept 1. The draw will be held on Sept 2 at 9 am, at the Phoenix hotel.

Boy's Own Club

Boy's Own Club will organise a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (Oct 22/23). Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

I NEVER made a mistake in my life—at least never one that I couldn't explain away afterwards — Rudyard Kipling, English writer (1865-1936).

Palestinian uprising spills into Israel

By Jonathan Karp

TEL AVIV. (Reuter): When Arabs hurled three fire bombs from the roof of a Tel Aviv shopping mall in June, many Israelis feared the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip had spilled into Israel.

A grenade blast on Saturday that wounded 25 people on a busy street in nearby Haifa reinforced the feeling many people have that the eight-month-old intifada (uprising) is also being fought inside Israel.

Politicians and security officials have sought to allay the fears.

"Naturally, there are cases with clear nationalist motives, but I would say these incidents are sporadic, occurring here and there," Tel Aviv police chief Yigael Marcus told Reuters.

Tel Aviv, the commercial and entertainment capital of Israel and seat of its largest metropolitan area, is in many ways the heart of the modern Jewish state. It was founded on Mediterranean sand dunes almost 30 years ago as the first all-Jewish city in modern times.

No one was injured by the fire bombs in Tel Aviv, which were tossed into a side street.

Crimes

Since the incident, however, Tel Aviv police have recorded more than 40 politically motivated crimes, a marked increase over any two-month period in recent memory, a senior officer says.

Arab-Jewish violence in the area has escalated in the past two weeks with the deaths of three Palestinians from arson, the beatings of five Arabs, the attempted drowning of a Jewish boy, and a spate of arsons and incidents of rock— and bottle-throwing.

In addition, so many Nazi swastikas and pro-Palestine Liberation Organisation slogans have been daubed on Tel Aviv buildings that the municipality has set up a unit solely devoted to cleaning them off.

"We call it the anti-intifada team," a city official said. Reuters, only partly in jest. His unit answered more than 50 calls in its first week of operation.

Marcus maintains the incidents are no cause for alarm.

With 27,000 Israeli Arabs in the southern Jaffa area and an estimated "tens of thousands" of

West Bank and Gaza Palestinian workers, the Tel Aviv area has long been a site of Arab-Jewish violence, stemming mostly from ordinary crime.

The volatile atmosphere created by the intifada has imbued almost every episode of Arab-Jewish strife with political significance.

Moreover, police say, both sides are taking advantage of the tensions to stroke their respective nationalistic fires, leading to exaggerated stories of, among others, beatings and attempted drownings.

"It's often like trying to find out whether the dog hit the man or the man hit the dog," Marcus said.

Another senior officer remarked: "We have to be careful because there are so many interests at stake."

In one case, a Tel Aviv woman claimed nationalist Arabs tried to kidnap her six-year-old son. Her vivid description of the incident sparked anger among Jews. But police quickly dismissed her account after failing to find any witnesses to an event that supposedly occurred in broad daylight in a busy shopping district.

However, the next day two Jewish men in the same lower-middle-class neighbourhood, in an apparent act of reprisal, were accused of attacking two Arab workers along with the workers' Jewish boss who tried to defend them.

Reprisal

Reprisals worry Marcus. He decries the intifada has reached Tel Aviv but asserts his job is to prevent it from snowballing.

The incidents in the Tel Aviv area have not commanded much media attention, compared to clashes in the occupied territories, where nearly all of the unrest's more than 262 Arab and four Jewish victims have been killed.

Violence beggars more violence on both sides. Police arrested four Jews from the nearby suburb of Or Yehuda on suspicion of looting three Gaza Strip Arab laundries in a shed and burning them to death.

Army officials said that news of the Or Yehuda incident sparked protests among the 650,000 Palestinians of the Gaza Strip, quashed by a round-the-clock Army curfew in mid-August.

Zia's death

Afghan government benefits indirectly

By Adam Kellher

KABUL, (UPI): The Afghan government is likely to benefit indirectly from the death of President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq and the Soviet Union could find it easier to complete its troop withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Although diplomats said Thursday they did not expect any major shift in Pakistan's support for Afghan rebels fighting the communist government following Zia's death Wednesday in a plane crash, they noted the guerrillas have lost their most unwavering supporter in Zia.

Zia is going to be a hard man to replace in terms of devotion to the mujahedeen (guerrilla) cause," a Western diplomat said.

Other analysts added that the country is bound to be diverted from this support as different factions vie for power. "To some extent, the Afghan government will be given breathing space," a senior US diplomat said.

Resistance

The resistance also is likely to be hampered, at least temporarily, by the death of Gen Akhbar Abdur Rahman, the Pakistani chief of state who was aboard Zia's aircraft. Rahman co-ordinated assistance to the rebels and had close personal rapport with all the guerrilla leaders.

With Pakistan investigating the possibility of sabotage in the crash, Afghanistan's government and its chief sponsor, the Soviet Union, are bound to come under suspicion.

Former US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said the Soviets will get "credit" in the region for Zia's death and "are significant beneficiaries." He added, "it reduces Pakistan's capacity to

influence the outcome of the Afghan civil war that will inevitably occur in Afghanistan after Soviet troops withdraw."

He also said Zia's death makes it "easier" for the Soviets to continue their withdrawal. "This makes the supply to resistance fighters more difficult ... because there will be no really authoritative government in Pakistan for many months, not until the elections," he said.

He declined to be identified, said several high-ranking Afghan officials had expressed "a satisfied reaction" to Zia's death, although he dismissed the possibility of involvement by Moscow or Kahru.

Zia had so many enemies, not only Afghan and the Soviet Union, "he said."

India has fought three wars with Pakistan and relations recently have been tense. Zia also had numerous internal opponents opposed to his harsh Islamic rule.

Attack

A senior US official pointed obliquely toward possible Soviet involvement, saying in Washington, "The Soviets have been attacking and warning Zia for the past week, so they have some explaining to do."

As the Soviet troop withdrawal from Afghanistan has picked up steam, there have been increasing charges by Moscow and Kabul that Islamabad was violating the Geneva accord which established the timetable for the pullout of 115,000 Soviet soldiers, scheduled to be completed by Feb 15.

Let us be honest

SIR: While appreciating the patriotism of Jacob Philip as expressed in his letter to the Arab Times (Aug 11-12), let us look to the other side of things.

Larry Banks of the British Council is a very responsible diplomat and his observation could not be unfounded. Before over-reacting to such remarks, let us look at ourselves.

Banks' remarks should serve as an eye opener to all of us. Haven't we heard that "sins of an individual blur the image of everyone." Here in Kuwait we have more than one such individual among us who have perfected the art of illegally recruiting people skillfully evading the law of both the land of recruitment and the land of employment.

About the Indian English, Banks would be astonished to know how brilliantly we use the "comedy" of English pronunciation.

Recently an unskilled labourer was recruited on a salary of KD 90 per month. When the poor labourer found that his pay packet contained only KD 19, his recruiter told him that English is spoken differently in Kuwait and "ninety" should be pronounced

with two long "ees" and one "n" at the end.

Another episode: a job seeker was promised a "work visa" on a higher salary and on arrival to his dreamland the poor man found himself employed as a domestic servant.

When he wanted to know how did it happen, he was told by the recruiter that by "work visa" he actually meant "Varkey visa," because the visa was arranged by a man named Varkey. So we have learnt the English language and we know scientifically its coefficient of anti-social elements.

Banks would be doing a further service to the Indian society if he would divulge the names of persons involved in the Brunei recruitment scheme.

An Indian, (Name and address supplied).

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Palestinian state

SIR: In 1948, the state of Israel was created by the British mandate. It was the brain-child of the British empire of that time.

The Jews from all over the world not only settled down in this state but also occupied Palestine.

After the 1967 Arab-Israeli war, the Israelis advanced further and occupied more lands. This was their expansionist policy. All the Palestinians were made homeless and landless.

In 1988, the situation has improved. The Palestinians can now fulfil their dream of having

and waged the 1980 campaign

the image of a "trigger-happy cowboy."

"Experience in the final analysis will not be critical," says Everett C. Ladd, executive director of the Roper Centre for Public Opinion Research. "It will be the substance of what is conveyed, such as strength with respect to representing the country and a sense of self-assurance."

Except in dramatic instances where the country is engaged in a war — as in Vietnam in 1972 — foreign policy in presidential elections is more a matter of "national feelings," of how a candidate will manage the national interest and articulate that interest, says Dr Ladd. In 1984, he points out, Reagan was criticized on specific foreign policy failures, including Central America and Beirut, but he conveyed the image of a "strong articulator of the national position that transcended specific actions."

Vulnerable

Dukakis should not be too vulnerable on foreign policy, says Fred Greenstein, Princeton biographer of Dwight Eisenhower.

Some 45 percent of Americans today have a "positive attitude" toward the Soviet government, Kohut says. Eleven years ago only 11 percent did.

Trade

Political analysts agree that foreign policy is not pivotal in an election unless there is a war or threat of war, or unless the candidates take extreme, polarizing positions on issues. Neither is the case in 1988. But voters are voicing concern about trade, fairness, and a perceived economic threat from abroad.

The independent experts made no comparisons but were pessimistic. "It is definitely not the best of each generation who go to the Self Defence Forces," said Haruo Fuji, another author of books on military matters.

Maeda said the JSDF dilemma was that recruitment standards were failing at the same time as military technology grew in complexity and the United States was putting more pressure on Japan to play a larger role in its own defence. In the past decade defence spending has doubled.

The debate over the quality of the JSDF was raised in public last month when only one sailor from the crew jumped into the water to rescue people after a Navy submarine collided with a pleasure boat, killing 30 people.

Survivors of the accident told the national press that sailors on the submarine deck just stood watching them in the water until other boats came to pick them up.

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CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

by Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the
Arab Times

Tough juggling act for Sinha and Babbar

Mixing show business and politics



Raj Babbar: politics affecting his show-biz career
it advocated "sati", when actually the film protests against such outdated practices of women being sacrificed for the sake of men.

The delay by the censors meant that the film could not be entered for the Berlin festival.

Kamal Haasan: brains plus brawn

By C.V. Aravind



Kamal Haasan: one of the few brainy guys in a field of brainless wonders

KAMAL HAASAN: The one-time chubby-cheeked, pug-nosed child star, is today the blue-eyed boy of the South Indian screen.

He is one of the most versatile performers around, one of the few brainy guys in a field where brainless wonders abound.

The actor, who in his greener years had not cared to sort the chaff from the wheat, almost found his career going awry at one stage.

In recent times, however, Kamal has consolidated his position and, despite being one of the most sought-after stars in the South, rarely takes on more than one film at a time.

His commitment to his career is total and with his legion of fans standing steadfastly by him, success has become his constant companion.

With his handsome looks and his tough physique carefully maintained thanks to a strict diet and exercise, Kamal is the perfect choice for all those tough he-man roles.

He has just finished shooting for one such role in *Sare Sambaram* and is awaiting the release of his mentor Balachander's *Uma Mediyum Thambi* in which he plays a role close to his heart.

Won

Kamal has just won his eleventh Filmfare award (including a Hindi one), this time for a finely-crafted performance in the silent film *Pashupakavimana* (Kannada). Kamal's triumphs include winning the national best actor award twice — the second one was his portrayal of a mafia Don in the film *Nayakan* regarded as his career-best.

Kamal treasures his Filmfare

award some of its biggest hits in films like *Varamalya Niram Sivappa*, *Maro Charithra* (Telugu), *Sakalakalavallivasa*, *Kakkki Chutti*, *Ora Kalidhiya Diary*, and *Pesmagal Massaa*.

Kamal turned producer with his hundredth film *Raja Parvai* where he played a blind violinist who wins the love of a Christian girl. Says Kamal, *Raja Parvai* directed by Singham Srinivasa Rao was an aesthetically satisfying film but collections were not on par with expectations.

Surpassed

Two films where the actor surpassed his past performances were the recent *Nayakan* and *Pashupakavimana*. The former film superbly directed by Mani Ratnam traced the life of a maafadon. Kamal turned in a sterling characterisation as the ageing don who eventually comes to grief.

Pashupakavimana, a throwback to the days when films were silent, was an entertainer all the way. Kamal played an unemployed youth with the charming Amala providing an apt foil.

This film, which had bittersweet sequences juxtaposed with scenes depicting home-truths, elicited in all its dubbed versions too. Kamal says, "This film was a once in a lifetime effort."

I doubt whether I will ever get another opportunity to do a similar role. When making the film we found that any dialogue would have been an impediment and not an asset."

Much is expected from Kamal after he made his bow in Hindi films, with the all-time grosser *Ek Duje Ke Liye* a remake of the Telugu blockbuster *Maro Charithra*.

But later, barring films like *Saamai Teri Kasam*, and *Saagar*, most of his other Hindi films failed or met with a lukewarm response.

Kamal's track record in Telugu has been much better. He was seen to advantage in *Vishwanath's Sagara Samgamam* and *Swathi Mithyan*.

He reveals that he will be starring in movie mogul Rama Naik's forthcoming production which will be an extravaganza with lavish sets and top stars.

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whereas Tabarane would not have had a chance. Due to the eleventh-hour hassles, neither Gautam Ghose nor Shatrughan Sinha could attend the festival. Some petty official of N.F.D.C. received the award. In contrast, a third-rate film like *Paschimati* had seven delegates at the festival. Sinha's absence at Tashkent despite his express desire, to go has become quite a talking point in the film & political circles.

Gautam Ghose was quoted by the press as saying: "I wanted to go to Tashkent, as it would be a glorious moment of a lifetime. I was not informed of Antarjali's entry. I contacted N.F.D.C., and when I went to Delhi, I got in touch with the Festival directorate, but their response was cool. The managing director of N.F.D.C. assured me that she had done something. But for five crucial days they did not even bother to phone me. My request was kept pending till the festival was over."

Gautam Ghose cannot enter the controversy because he has been financed by the N.F.D.C. and they can still block his film. For example, the Hindi version *Makayatra* is being held up for unspecified reasons. In his telegram to Sinha, however Ghose wrote: "Keep up the fight."

Sinha has boldly declared that he was deliberately boycotted because of his political views, and the N.F.D.C. did not want him to gain popularity in U.S.S.R. Otherwise, his visit could have been easily arranged along with the sixty Indian delegates, who attended the festival many of them without any connection with the films shown.

Sinha has a soft corner for V.P. Singh and does not hesitate to admire him. Moreover, Sinha has made full plans to enter politics from Bihar. This is his native province and lakhs of Biharis love him. When he tours the region, huge crowds follow him



Opposition politician V.P. Singh flanked by the two political hopefuls Shatrughan Sinha (left) and Raj Babbar.

everywhere and V.I.P. type security has to be maintained. Sinha wants to gain from this and establish a foothold. He plans initially to hold charity shows and collect funds for the flood-ravaged people. Then he will conduct a mass contact programme in which opposition leaders may participate and speak. But Sinha knows all too well that the opposition parties also have many black sheep. Will he be able to keep them at bay, with his frank nature and blunt speech? Or will he make more enemies?

In spite of all this, Shatrughan Singh has not lost his sense of humour. He is constantly cracking jokes in very down-to-earth language. He says his name itself stands for "enemy", so he can't help fighting evil and nonsense. He told journalists that he wants to do public service as an enlightened artiste. He is not crazy about fighting elections or getting a chair. We teased him whether he aimed at becoming Chief Minister. He caught his own ears with *are nahin baba*. But he added mischievously that the Bihar government starts doing some work only when he goes there.

Shatrughan Singh is also very busy with his films. In case he is a flop in

politics, he can always return to his earlier career especially as he does not insist on being the romantic hero, like Amitabh. He has already switched to character roles as in *Khanda Singh*. He has taken on some 45 films and is refusing new offers every day. How will he find enough time for politics? Any one field is bound to suffer. This is not the case with Raj Babbar, who has fewer films on hand, due to his recent flops.

Claims

Babbar has been close to V.P. Singh right from the time the leader separated from the Congress party. He attends all of Singh's meetings and processions, and looks after him during his Bombay visits. He is a part of the Jan Morcha movement like producers Atmaram, Vijay Anand and some others. It has been reported that Babbar even organised his own procession in Agra and tried to blow his own trumpet. These seem to indicate of his foray into active politics, but when talking to the press, he claims like Sinha, to be interested in only the service aspect and not the struggle for chairs. Consequently he is leading his support to the "right leader".

A bigger danger faced by Babbar is that his films may be boycotted on T.V. One of his old stars due for a Sunday telecast was pushed aside because he was the star. Producers could be deterred from signing him on. He may not get any work in T.V. films or serials and be could never attempt producing a serial, like Rajesh Khanna who did so with the poor stuff *Aadha Sach*, *Aadha Jhooth*. Even B.R. Chopra's marathon serial *Malabarik* is said to be falling in the danger zone as Babbar plays an important part in it.

With so many problems, why can't stars choose any one field ... either cinema or politics?

Behind the screen

After all his affairs and flings, Mithun now wants to present a public image of a clean family man. That is why he suddenly decided to celebrate his son's fourth birthday for the first time. Mithun presented an expensive electronic toy car to son Mimob and posed happily with his wife Yogeeta and the boy. The party at the Sun-N-Sand hotel was a surprise to many guests and journalists, since there were also three other parties on the same night, when Mithun was talked about for months. And "there is more to come".

Govinda is doing his utmost to supercede Mithun as a dancing star and lead him in the popularity stakes. Hatya was sent to the Tashkent fete with the aim of winning Russian fans too. But Govinda faces a new big danger in Javed Jaffery. Remember *Meri Jung*? Just one break-dance by Javed was talked about for months. And "there is more to come".

Veteran eccentric Raj Kumar is actually quite a clever story. Stories of his crazy antics are spread all over the place thereby ensuring that he is always in the news. Perhaps the antics are committed for that reason. At a recent birthday celebration of a director on the sets a knife was needed to cut the cake, and R. Kumar gallantly came forward with a sword and gave it to the birthday boy. Let us hope the actor



Mithun presents a clean family image with wife Yogeeta and son Mimob.



Neelam: carrying on with Dharmendra's second son Bobby

Dharm's anger.

And finally a tailpiece: Who gives the most embarrassing parties in tinsel town? The answer, in a chorus is *Suhash Ghai*.

By Smith

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More of the world's worst failures

The most lines forgotten by one actor
IN one of the great stage performances of our time Paul Greenwood breathed new life into a familiar old play by forgetting almost every line of his part at the Barbican Theatre, London, on July 24, 1984.

At the opening night of *The Happiest Days of Your Life* he single-handedly transformed an otherwise predictable show. The great actor strode confidently onto the stage and placed his golf bag on the table. It immediately slid off, signalling that we were in the presence of a master.

After saying a few lines correctly, perhaps, to show what a dull evening it would be without his intervention, he began rummaging in his pockets so he could "take a note" as the script demanded.

It all began when his propelling pencil didn't have any lead and then his pen didn't have any ink and then he realised there was total silence on stage while he was supposed to be speaking.

Now elegantly flustered, his face was suffused with the finest expressions of blankness ever seen on the London stage. He launched into a histrionic selection of original lines that would have come as a great surprise to the playwright.

In act two he varied his performance and began saying everybody else's lines, whereupon he turned to the audience and said: "I'm sorry, we'll have to stop because I'm talking nonsense up here. You see, there was no lead in my pencil." When a colleague advised that "this has always been your problem" it brought the house down.

By act three the excellent Greenwood was completely liberated from the plot. "Shall I start again?" he asked the enthralled audience. "Yes," they roared back, wishing to bask anew in such an original performance.

One theatre critic took this opportunity to review the prompter who was "such a feature of the evening," while The Times hailed it as "memory loss on a grand scale."

The worst opening sentence of a novel
NO one has done more to encourage our sort of novelist than Professor Scott Rice of the San Jose State University. In

Last week we published extracts from Stephen Pile's book of 'heroic failures,' which records the worst performances in various fields. We continue with some more instances of human achievement supplied by the author in his forthcoming book 'The Return of Heroic Failures.'

1983 he launched the Bulwer-Lytton contest for the worst opening sentence to a novel and was instantly flooded with 10,000 entries from 50 countries.

He started the contest "to fill a need." Most literary contests, he said, are inherently unfair, favouring as they do talent, sensibility and intelligence. "They are callously neglectful of the mediocre masses, those who might be authors if they had any craft, vision or message."

The contest was named after the 19th century British novelist, Edward Bulwer-Lytton, in whose work a glass of beer is always "a eonian beverage" and a bedroom is "sommunular accommodation" and a man lighting his pipe is described as "applying the Promethean spark to his tube."

Just a few examples show the high standard of entrant in this now annual event. Some are domestic dramas:

"The variety of quirks, ailments and miscellaneous disfigurements that can strike the average supermarket cart is truly amazing," she said.

Others set a mood:

"It was autumn, and the fog clung to the old house as it did nearly every autumn (with the exception of the previous year, which had been incredibly sunny) like damp gauze on the soldier's wound, except there was no blood, as he stopped the car at the kerb and gazed thoughtfully towards the house."

Yet others launch into the ever-popular spy genre:

"It came to him in a cocaine rush as he took the Langley exit that if Aldrich had told Filipov about Hancock only Tullgren could have known that the photograph which Wagner had shown to Maximov on the jolting S-bahn was not the photograph of Kessler that Bradford had found at the dark, sinister house in the Schillerstrasse the day that Straub told Percival that the man on the bridge had not been Aksakov but Pawstovsky, which meant that it was not

Kleist but Kruger that Cherenky had met in the bleak, wintry Grunewald and that, therefore, only Frau Epp could have known that Müller had followed Droyzen to the steamy aromatic cafe in the Beethovenstrasse where he had told Buerger that Todorov had known since the Liebermann affair that McIntyre had not met Stoltz at the Glotzer Bahnhof but instead had met Sommer in the cavernous Anhalter Bahnhof."

Anyone wishing to study the entries in more detail is recommended to read it. It was a Dark and Stormy Night, the uplifting volume in which Professor Rice reprints the whole lot.

The worst opera programme notes

THE Geno Opera Company staged a memorable production of Bizet's Carmen in 1981. Even more memorable were the programme notes explaining the plot.

ACT ONE: Carmen, a cigarmaker from a tobacco factory loves Don Jose of the mounting guard. Carmen takes a flower from her corset and lances it to Don Jose. (Duet: "Talk me of my mother.")

There was noise inside the tobacco factory and revolting cigarmakers burst onto the stage. Carmen is arrested and Don Jose is ordered to mounting guard on her but she subdues him and lets her escape.

ACT TWO: The Tavern. Carmen sings (Aria: "The Sistren's tinkling"). Enter two smugglers ("Ho, we have in mind a business"). Enter Escamilio, a Ballfighter. Carmen refuses to penetrate because Don Jose has liberated her from prison. He just now arrives. (Aria: "Stop here who comes"). But her are the bugles singing his retreat. Don Jose will leave and draw his sword. Called by Carmen's shrieks the two smugglers interfere with her. Jose is bound to dessert. Final Chorus: "Opening Sky Wandering Lite."

ACT THREE: A rocky land-

scape. Smugglers chatter. Carmen sees her death in the cards. Don Jose makes a date with her for the next Balls fight.

ACT FOUR: A Place in Seville. Procession of Ballfighters. The roaring of Balls is heard in the arena. Escamilio enters (Aria and chorus: "Toreador, Toreador. All hail the Balls of a toreador"). Enter Don Jose (Aria: "I be smooth you"). Carmen repels him. She wants to join with Escamilio now, cheered by the crowd. Doo Jose stabs her. (Aria: "Oh, rupture, rupture"). He sings: "Oh, my subductive Carmen."

The most rejection slips

JOHN CREASEY made an important contribution to world literature over a period of seven years. He showed early promise when his first thriller, *The Men Who Died Laughing*, came back from the publishers almost immediately. Three months later he completed a school novel, *Our Glorious Term*, and this proved even less popular. His third book, *The Captain of the Fifth*, was completely unacceptable, as were *The Mysterious Mr Rocco*, *Mystery at Manby House*, and *The Flying Turks*.

When Dazzle and the Red Bombers were returned the great man of letters was getting into his stride.

By 1925 he had received 743 rejection slips before getting his first book published and losing all interest for us. One possible reason for his achievement is that he once claimed to have written two of these books in a week and still spend half a day playing cricket.

The dad book fair

A RECORD number of visitors poured into the 1982 York Book Fair, probably because its central feature was the first Dad Books of All Times exhibition. Never before had such a powerful collection of completely unsaleable volumes been gathered together under one roof.

The imposing entrance to the Assembly Rooms was specially decked out for the occasion with vivid wallpaper, fairy lights and a day-glo-pink sign-board.

The most popular book on show was *The List of Stop Cocks in the Liver Building, Liverpool 1912*. This was closely followed by a signed copy of *The Philosophy of Elbert Hubbard*.

Even before the exhibition opened, one natural history expert snapped up copies of both *The Common Teasel as a Carnivorous Plant*, and *Ostrich Egg-Shell Cups of Mesopotamia in Ancient and Modern Times*.

The early history of sanitation was fully represented by such work as *The Law Relating to Sewers and Drains 1904*, while the travel section included *Uganda: For a Holiday* by Sir Frederick Treves, and *The Little I Saw of Cuba* by Burr McIntosh. In the biography and memoir department, *The Mother of Goethe made a happy companion to I Was Hitler's Aunt. Heroes and Heroines of Libya* was a huge hit, as was *Jokes Cracked by Lord Aberdeen*, in a tartan cover. The only disappointment was that the promised copy of *The Romance of Leprosy* by E. Mackerchar did not materialise.

Jaws I: I hear that it is so bad off Far Rockaway that you can get violently sick just by nuzzling your head against a swimmer's leg.

Jaws II: The people are not only releasing raw sewage from the land, but they are pumping it from their boats as well. There is no way we can go near the beach without getting herpes.

Jaws III: I hear that it is so bad off Far Rockaway that you can get violently sick just by nuzzling your head against a swimmer's leg.

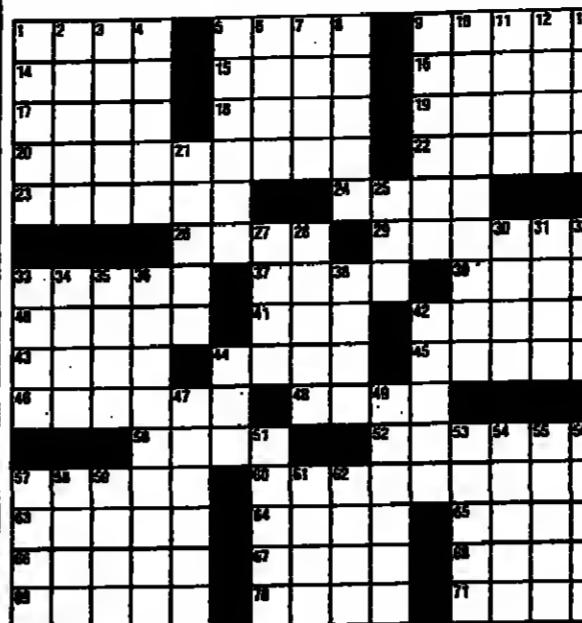
Jaws IV: Could we be declared an endangered species?

Jaws V: I can't believe that people who would dump all their waste into the sea would make sharks the heavies in the movies.

Jaws VI: And to think people call us sharks.

1988, Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♦ A108752 ♠ 93 ♦ A106 ♠ A7
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass ?
What action do you take?

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♦ A108752 ♠ 93 ♦ A106 ♠ A7
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass ?
What action do you take?

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♦ A108752 ♠ 93 ♦ K92 ♠ QJ8
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South West North East
1 NT Pass 2 ♠ Pass
? What action do you take?

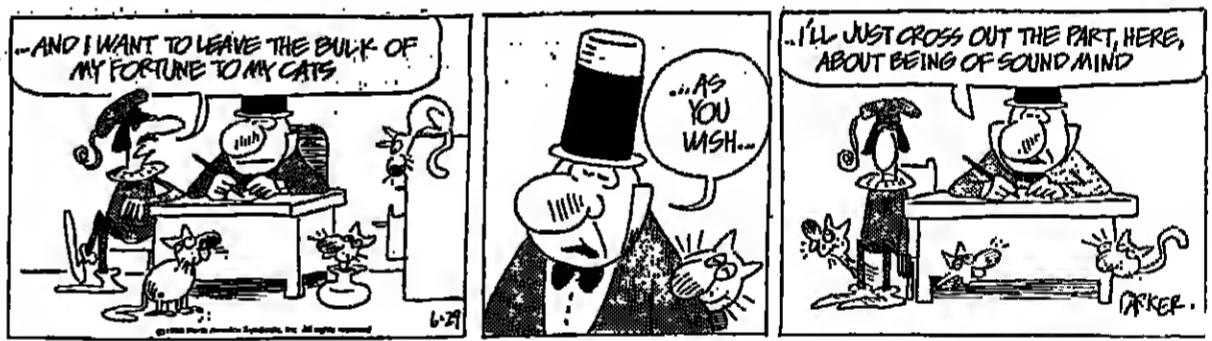
Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♦ A108752 ♠ 93 ♦ A106 ♠ A7
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass ?
What action do you take?

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♦ A108752 ♠ 93 ♦ K92 ♠ QJ8
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 3 ♠ Pass
? What action do you bid now?



By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

THE WIZARD OF ID



By Johnny Hart

B.C.

YOU CAN CALL ME FUDGY-DUD' OR 'FATS' OR 'GARBAGE SNOUT'...



BUT BEING CALLED A 'STICK-IN-THE-MUD' IS WHAT IM ALL ABOUT.



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You are inclined to ignore warning signals and should pay more attention to them. You should try to be a little less impatient. What you think is a good opportunity is nothing of the kind. Be alert.



Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

You should do what you can to reduce tension. You are a little more vulnerable so try not to get into a situation where you are exposed. You should not rely too much on your powers of persuasion. Be resilient.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You will be subject to various influences but by and large all will be well. You should not, however, do anything that could easily go away. The solution to one of your problems is not as simple as first seemed to be the case. Be a little less pessimistic.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

You will not find it easy to make a choice between alternatives but there is no point in dithering. You will find it easier to put your point of view across. You should make sure you keep your eye very much on the road avoid looking sideways. Be more resilient.



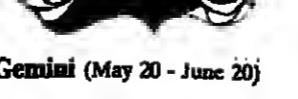
Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

This is going to be a good day for you only make sure you do not do anything too adventurous. You should try to show a little more goodwill towards someone who is not quite your best friend. Try to take charge in your stride. Be prompt.



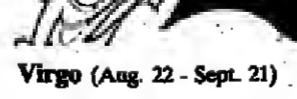
Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You will be able to do something you have long wished to do. Make sure you do not try to take the credit for something you know well you have done. Avoid doing anything that might give rise to confusion. Be prompt.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You should make sure you do not do anything that you know is not good for your health. Work hard but do not work too long hours. You will have some personal success. Be alert.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

Do not do anything that might be hurtful or give offence. If you do not act swiftly you may well lose a good opportunity. Live and let live. Be more tolerant.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You will be able to have a most pleasant day. Unless you are careful you could well spoil what you have been able to build up slowly. You should not hesitate to have a good laugh at yourself. Be considerate.



BUSINESS & FINANCE

EEC urged to reconsider duty-free ceiling

RIYADH, Aug 24. (OPECNA): The European Economic Community (EEC) has been urged to reconsider its proposed duty-free quota ceiling for 1989 for Saudi petrochemicals exports to Western European countries.

Ibrahim Ibn Salamat, chief executive officer of the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC), said that under the proposal, the kingdom's quota is less than half the 1987 figure.

Products

Under the generalised system of preferences (GSP) the EEC conducts an annual study of products exported to its member countries in a bid to limit competition and to set values and quantities which may be admitted duty-free.

However, Salamat said that the EEC had reduced year by year the amount of SABIC products qualifying for duty-free import, despite the fact that Europe was currently short of petrochemical supplies.

The corporation, which produces plastic resins, liquid petrochemicals and fertilisers, exports many products to European countries, but under the GSP system, only very small quantities are admitted duty-free.

Salamat said that world prices for most petrochemicals, plastic resins and fertilisers had doubled over the past year due to high demand, yet the EEC proposed to reduce by half the value of SABIC's duty-free products.

The corporation hoped that a forthcoming meeting of the EEC foreign ministers would reverse the quota proposal for next year in view of the Community's general economic relations with the Gulf Co-operation Council.

Libya, Tunisia to co-operate in lube oil project

TRIPOLI, Aug 24. (OPECNA): OPEC member Libya and neighbouring Tunisia are to co-operate in a project aimed at refining used lube oils, a Libyan oil executive said today.

Hammouda El Aswad, managing director of the Azzawa Refinery Company, told OPECNA that the project was still in the planning stage.

The Azzawa Refinery, located near Tripoli, is currently producing around 30,000 tons of lube oils a year from its blending plant, he said, adding that the output covered domestic needs.

The blending plant of the refinery, which is a subsidiary of the Libyan National Oil Company, was turning out 28 kinds of lube oils with motor oil as the prime product, he said.

He disclosed that his company would soon introduce motor oil in cans on which warnings would be printed indicating that the content could be "environmentally unfriendly." He described this as part of a drive to reduce pollution.

His refinery was also producing asphalt at a rate of 100,000 tons a year to meet local demand which has jumped steeply over recent years due to increased road construction in Libya.

Since the country only produced light oils, the asphalt plants at the refinery were being fed with imported heavy crudes, he said.

The Azzawa Refinery, Libya's oldest oil processing facility, came on stream in 1974 and its capacity was increased to 120,000 BPD following an expansion programme in 1977.

China may fail to meet grain output targets

BEIJING, Aug 24. (UPI): China may fail to meet crucial grain output targets this year in the wake of severe drought, floods and typhoons battering the world's most populous nation, the China Daily newspaper acknowledged today.

Officials said on Tuesday more than 47 million acres (19 million ha) of farmland across 18 of China's 29 provinces have been damaged by the bad weather and there are indications Beijing may have to increase grain imports this year.

Any output declines are a sensitive issue in China because of memories of past shortages and famines in the nation of more than 1 billion people.

Production

Conservative economic planners regard grain production as the cornerstone of Chinese agriculture and have voiced concern that this vital area has been neglected in the government's sweeping economic reforms.

"It will be very difficult for

'Safety net' for investors

Reliance issue goes public

By M.C. Bose

INDIA'S Reliance Industries representatives, led by S. Natarajan, Secretary of Reliance Industries Limited, India's largest convertible debenture issuer, arrived in Kuwait yesterday to introduce the company's latest offer to public and existing shareholders.

The company's issue of Rs 5,160 million convertible debentures carrying 12.5 per cent interest opened on Aug 22 and closes on Aug 31.

Natarajan told the Arab Times Rs 3,000 m worth of preferential allotment is reserved for Reliance shareholders, including non-resident Indians.

Advantage

Natarajan said that the issue is structured to yield the maximum benefit to the investor and the company. He said the company decided on an investor-oriented structure for the issue of company because it entails a distinct advantage over traditional financing with institutional borrowing.

Natarajan said the petrochemicals project was the biggest so far in a string of related ventures successfully launched by Reliance. He said the project is expected to be completed in two years and envisaged production of 60,000 tonnes of the high density polyethylene (HDPE) 60,000 tonnes of monoethylene glycol (MEG) and 100,000 tonnes of polyvinyl chloride (PVC) per year.

He said that to finance the balance requirement, the company will raise a foreign currency loan of Rs 840 million and float Rs 5,160 million worth convertible debentures.

Conversion

Investors who are not keen on holding on for later conversion can dispose of the Rs 190 portion of the Rs 200 fully convertible debenture while retaining the Rs

than \$1.2 trillion, according to World Bank figures.

Creditor-banks have adopted various strategies to face the crisis. Over the past few years, the debts of many borrowing countries have been renegotiated collectively by committees of all the creditor banks, working jointly to allow debtor nations more time to pay up.

Measures

Many individual banks have also taken measures on their own. Some have simply written off debts as uncollectable and accepted a loss. Others have sold the delinquent debt — at a reduced price — to other creditors. A few have traded in some debts for an investment in a company in the debtor country — a transaction known as a debt-equity swap.

A market for trading Third World debt crisis are American, Japanese and British banks. But banks from the Netherlands, Switzerland, France, Italy, Sweden, Hong Kong and other nations are also significantly involved.

Here is how some of them are faring:

United States:

American banks are the biggest Third World creditors. According to a report issued by the US Federal Reserve last month, American commercial banks had \$96 billion in loans outstanding to developing nations in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

US banks hold about a fifth of the total Mexican and Brazilian foreign debt of more than \$100 billion each, one-sixth of Argentina's \$55 billion external debt, and one-quarter of Venezuela's \$34-billion debt load.

Hundreds of smaller American banks have written off

equaled last year's harvest and was well below the 1983 quota despite a 1.58 million-acre (639,400 ha) increase in acreage.

"The country now has to depend on its autumn crops to reach its target," the official said. "But this will not be easy, because many of China's agricultural provinces are hit by natural disasters and the area for the growing of autumn crops has been reduced.

Imports

Officials have hinted that the drought and floods may force Beijing to increase its grain imports this year. In the last year, China has nearly doubled its wheat imports from 7.3 million tons to a forecast of 13 million tons in the fiscal year ending June 30.

While the weather has been a major factor in below-target grain harvests in the last two years, another reason for falling output is a lack of interest in growing grain among peasants.



Picture shows, from left to right: Bharatkumar Shah, Middle East co-ordinator of Reliance Industries, C S S Kharupuri, the chairman of NRI Investors Forum Kuwait and S. Natarajan.



Some of those who attended the meeting.

10 share, which is converted at par on allotment.

How far the share price will go is anybody's guess, but it appears that RPL is able to declare a dividend of 30 per cent in the sixth year after allotment of debenture. Applying the average

capitalisation of yield noted for blue chip stocks, the price should prevail in the region of Rs 85 to Rs 100, giving as yield a market price of between 3 and 3.50 per cent.

Natarajan said RPL will have the second largest shareholder

community in the world. The largest is British Gas.

The team organised an investors' conference yesterday at Kuwait Sheraton.

A film of Reliance's proposed plant was shown to a large audience.

World Business Summary

Britain tries to promote trade ties with Iraq

LONDON, Aug 24. (KUNA): Britain's Trade and Industry Minister Tony Newton will lead the British delegation to the annual Anglo-Iraqi commission in Baghdad in November to promote British business there, it was confirmed today. British officials said the visit is part of renewed efforts to help UK companies benefit from trade opportunities arising from the Gulf War ceasefire. The trip coincides with the 25th annual international fair in the Iraqi capital. The announcement came less than two weeks after the Department of Trade and Industry said that it was providing funds to firms wishing to exhibit at the Tehran International Trade Fair next month. Meanwhile, the officials recalled that Britain made credit lines available to Iraq throughout the eight years of the Gulf war, while Baghdad gave Britain "favoured nation" trading status. Forty-five British firms will attend the Baghdad fair, nearly twice the number of last year. While in Iraq, the British delegation will discuss prospects for British firms to win large contracts, especially in the post-war reconstruction period. The talks will also cover the possibility of new guaranteed lines of British credit to Baghdad, the officials said. Trading with Iraq dropped during the war with Iran, but now that the fighting is apparently over the Thatcher government is keen to compete with other major industrial nations in winning business there.

British exports to Iraq were 20 per cent higher, at 115 million pounds, in the first three months of 1988. British exports to Iraq dropped from 444 million pounds in 1986 to 267 million pounds last year, with imports dropping from 255 million pounds to 211 million pounds.

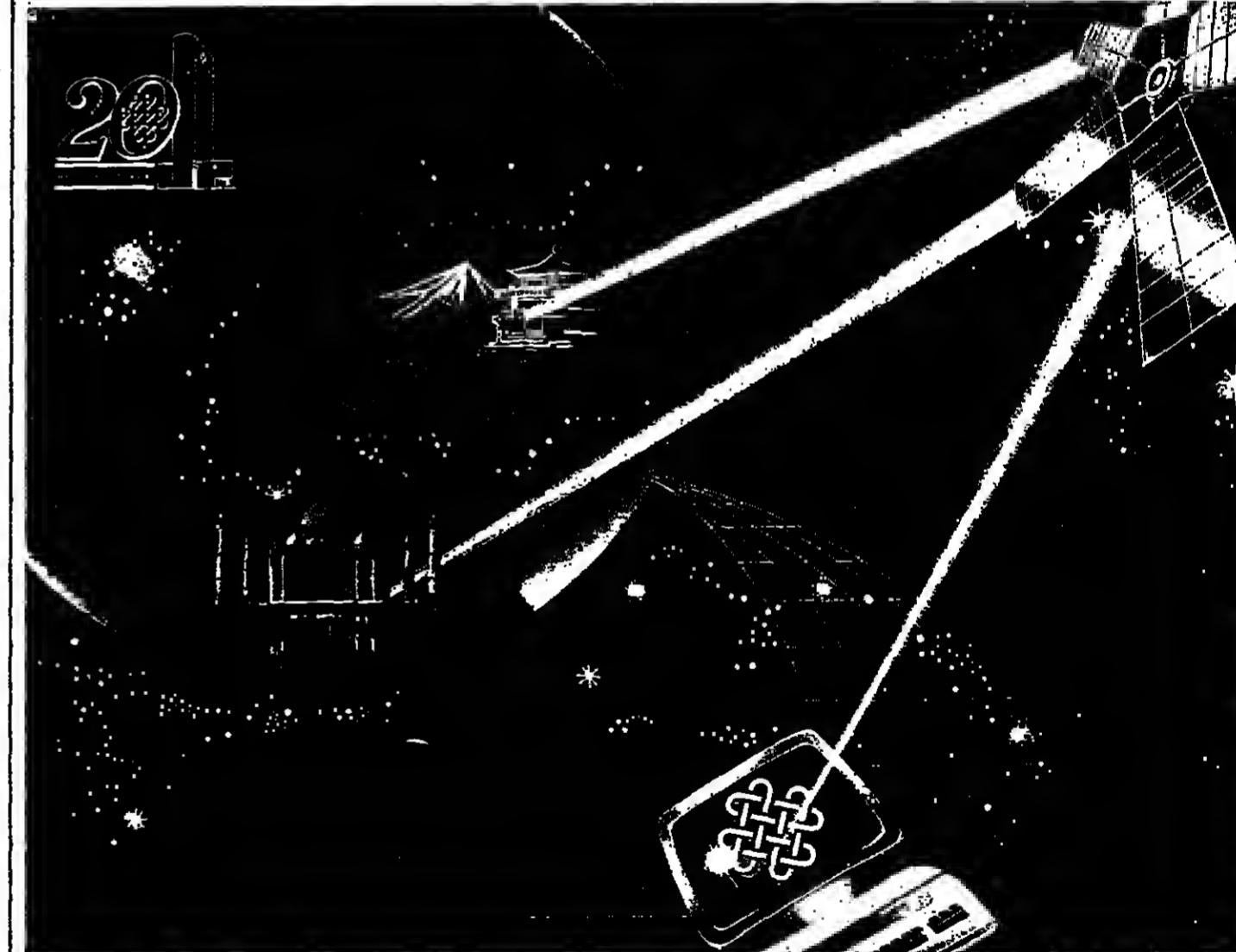
American oil prices drop

NEW YORK, Aug 24. (Reuters): US oil prices fell 21 cents a barrel yesterday due to signs of increased OPEC production, and industry analysts predicted that they could slide another 50 cents by the September 20 meeting of OPEC's price monitoring committee. West Texas Intermediate crude oil for October delivery, the US benchmark grade, fell 21 cents to \$15.71 a barrel in futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. North Sea Brent blend, the most commonly traded international crude oil, fell 10 cents to \$15.10 a barrel for October delivery. "We are starting to see the effects of rising OPEC production on the market," said Michael Rothman, an oil industry analyst at Merrill Lynch capital markets. Oil prices fell in part because of a Reuters report that Saudi Arabian oil output rose to an estimated 4.6 million barrels per day in the first three weeks of August. Saudi Arabia's official OPEC quota is 4.34 million barrels a day. Rothman said production by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries is running at nearly 19.5 million barrels per day this month, up from a quota of 15.06 million barrels daily that excludes Iraq. Iraq, having unsuccessfully lobbied for a quota equal to Iran's, currently has no OPEC production quota and pumped an estimated 2.65 million barrels a day in July, according to a Reuters survey. Traders expect Iran and Iraq to increase output before the OPEC price committee meets, said Jim Steel, oil analyst at Refco Inc. The meeting, according to a Venezuelan oil official, has been tentatively set for September 20.

Steel said crude oil prices could drop to \$15.25 a barrel during the next month.

claim tax deductions on the losses they incur in selling discounted loans to JBA.

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INI	200/0	BLCK LE 2	15/0	15/0	HESTAR	319/0	318/0	SAVOY "A"	890/0	885/0
INCHCAPE	220.0	BLINN F+	36/0	36/0	HEYWOOD	282/0	282/0	SCHR. GLOB	219/0	220/0
JAGUAR	265/0	BOASE MAS	242/0	243/0	HICKS IN	220/0	221/0	SCOT. NERI	195/0	196/0
LADBROKE	443/0	BODDINGEN	158/0	158/0	HIGGS HIL	368/0	368/0	SCOT. T.	125/0	126/0
LAND SEC'S	551.0	BOOT HENR	389/0	390/0	HMBRD CTY	83/0	83/0	SCOT. MET	135/0	133/0
NAME	LAST	BORTHWICK	61/0	61/0	HMTK SPHR	182/0	183/0	SCOT. AM. 1	86/4	87/0
ABBEY LFE	316.0	BR ARROW	106/0	106/0	HOGG GARD	165/0	166/0	SCOT. NAT C	28/0	28/0
ADT LTD	138/0	BR ASSETS	67/0	67/0	HOLMES PR	113/0	113/0	AAP CORP	24/4	24/4
ALD LYONS	249/0	BR DREDGI	139/0	138/0	HODDEN GP	119/0	119/0	ABBOTT LAB	45/1	45/2
AMSTRAD	221/4	A.B.ELECT	429/0	426/0	HOPKINSON	100/0	100/0	GCA CLVLD	10/0	9/7
ARGYLL GP	184/0	A.S.W.HLD	180/0	180/0	BRENT CHE	148/0	149/0	SECS TST	103/4	104/0
ASDA GP	154/0	AAB KENT	84/0	83/0	BRENT MCR	387/0	388/0	SENIOR EM	59/4	59/0
BAA	271.0	MAXWELL C	206/0	206/0	ICE.F2.FD	354/0	355/0	SHRERATOR S	76/0	76/0
BTR	275/0	AHM HLD	271/0	270/0	IMRY H.DV	394/0	395/0	ETRAN. LIFE	47/4	47/3
BAT INDS	437/0	NEPC	533/0	533/0	IMRY EN	280/0	280/0	SIMON ENG	14/7	14/5
BARCLAYS	408/0	NIDLAND B&C	408/0	408/0	INDPHD W	13/0	13/0	THOMAS	14/7	14/5
BASS	770/0	NEXT	226/4	347/0	INT.BU.CN	125/0	125/0	AIR PR-CH	41/7	42/0
BEAVER	178.0	NTF FOODS	280/0	280/0	INT.CITY	131/0	131/0	ALASKA AIR	18/6	18/5
BEECHAMS	477/0	P & O DFD	583/0	583/0	INVERBORD	292/0	292/0	ALBERTSONS	33/4	33/6
BERISFORD	375.0	PEARL	470/0	470/0	INTL	64/4	65/0	ACME	3/5	3/4
BICC PLC	344.0	PEARSON	742.0	742.0	JHNSH&FIR	41/2	41/0	ADV MICRO	49/1	49/1
BLL ARR	55.0	PILKINGTON	206/0	206/0	THAMES TA	355/0	355/0	ADVISOR	39/2	39/1
BLU CIRC	58.00	PLESSEY	164/0	164/0	THMRL S	151/0	151/0	AEON	19/2	19/3
BOC GP	405.0	POLLY PEC	313/0	313/0	THORNSON S	79/0	81/0	AEONTECH	20/7	20/6
BOOTS CO	216/0	RACAL	315.0	315.0	THURGEON	126/0	125/0	NI HONG-10	0	58/0
BPP INDS	288.0	RANK HVS	417/0	417/0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SHITH INT	9/1	9/1
BR COMM	234/0	RANK ORG	708.0	708.0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
BR AIRWAY	158/0	RCKITTY+CO	920/0	920/0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
BR AEROSP	515/0	REDLAND	415/0	415/0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
BR GAS RG	182/0	RYL BK SC	353/0	353/0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
BR GAS RT	179/0	RWE GRP	472/0	472/0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
BR LAND	333/0	REUTERS	478/0	478/0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
B.P.	245.0	RITZ CORP	447.0	447.0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
B.P. PP	149.0	ROLLS ROY	137.5	137.5	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
TELCO	237/0	ROTMIN B	442/0	442/0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
BURMAN OL	514.0	ROWNTREE	404/0	404/0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
BURTON	19.00	ROYAL INS	392/4	392/4	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
CABLES&WIR	375/1	SAATCHI	367.0	367.0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
CADBURY'S	377/0	SAINSBURY	214/0	214/0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
COATS VIY	218/0	SACT+NEW	359/0	359/0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
COMI UNI	357/0	SEARS	138.0	138.0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
CONS GOLD	010.0	SEDGEWICK	238/0	238/0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
COOKSONS	254.0	SHELL	020/0	020/0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
COURTAULD	334/0	SIEBE	379.5	379.5	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
DALGETY	335.0	SLOUGH ES	299.0	299.0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
DEE CEE	170/0	STO.CHART	515.0	515.0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
ONIONS	176.0	STC	277/0	277/0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
ENG CHINA	472/0	STORENSE	230.5	230.5	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
ENTER OIL	466.0	SU ALLIA	973.0	973.0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
FK1 BABCK	128.0	TARMAC	242/0	242/0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
FERRANTI	93/0	TATE&LYLE	845.0	845.0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
GEN ACCIO	900.0	TYLR WOOD	565/0	565/0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
GEN ELEC	160.0	TESCO	145.0	145.0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
GLAXO	952/0	TSE	105/0	105/0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
GRANADA	299.0	T + N	180.0	180.0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
GLOBE	143.0	TRUSTHSE	252/0	252/0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
GLYMEO	307/0	ULTRAMAR	270/0	270/0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
GRAND MET	507.5	UNILEVER	448.0	448.0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
GUARD RYL	183/0	UNIGATE	297.0	297.0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
GKN	332/0	UTD BISC	282.0	282.0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
GUINNESS	17.00	UTD MSPR	418/4	418/4	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
HAMMERS A	613.0	WELLCOME	503/0	503/0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
HANSON	141/0	WHTBDR IN	299.0	299.0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
HARRISH C	639.0	WILLIAMS	308/0	308/0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
HAKER SID	527/0	WILLIAMS	250/0	250/0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
HILLSDOWN	283/0	WINPEY GE	252.0	252.0	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3
ICI	010.0	WOOLWORTH	66.00	66.00	THYME S	126/0	125/0	SITHE BEC	45/2	45/3

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR

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International Bond Sightings

London—Lavoro Bank Overseas Curacao, a unit of Banco Internationale del Lavoro, is issuing a 250 mln dlrs Eurobond due September 29, 1995 paying 10 pct and priced at 101-3/4 pct, lead manager Nomura International Ltd said. (RTVL 1527)

London—Japanese Railway Company Hankyu Corp is issuing a 200 mln dlrs equity warrant bond due September 21, 1992 with an indicated coupon of 4-3/4 pct and par pricing, lead manager Daiwa Europe Ltd said. (RTXY 1000)

Zurich—Japan's Toshiba Corp is issuing 300 mln Swiss francs in convertible notes with an indicated coupon of 1/2 pct and par pricing, lead manager Citicorp Investment Bank (Switzerland) said. (RTWT 0706)

Tokyo—Japan's commercial banks are urging the Finance Ministry to relax its rules on issues of convertible bonds to help them meet proposed capital adequacy standards, banking sources say.

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 10-3/4 1/2	11-1/4 1/8	11-3/4 5/8
FFT 4.85/95	5.15/20	5.35/45
PAR 7-9/16 5/8	7-1/2 5/8	7-3/4 7/8
ZUR 1-5/8 1-7/8	2-7/8 3-1/8	3-1/2 3-3/4
BRX 7.55	6-15/16 1/16	7-5/16 7/16
ROM 9-7/8 10-3/8	10-5/8 11-1/8	11-11-1/2
AKS 5-1/8 5-3/8	5-1/2 5-9/16	5-5/8 5-3/4
TKT 3,6875 7500	4,1250 1875	4,0625 1250
ECU 6.87 7.12	7.18 7.31	7.56 7.68

Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6-3/16	6-1/2
3 months	6-1/4	6-1/2
6 months	6-1/4	6-1/2
1 year	6-1/4	6-9/16

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
G	202.4
LIANZ VR	1490.0
DEMMER	178.0
ISF	259.7
AYER HYP	291.5
AYER VER	324.0
IC	302.0
IF	408.0
IV	487.0
WINTERBLIK	221.1
MTI GUNN	239.0
LTNER BEN	652.5
BUTSC BANK	455.5
W	376.0
REEDNER B	253.0
J BACCOCH	172.0
12 INDEX	480.93
ELDNERL	270.0
OLDSCHMID	289.8
URPENER	428.0
RECHST AG	279.8
DECH	156.2
IRLEN	189.0
JSSEL HLD	409.8
ALI SALZ	164.0
ARSTADT	393.0
URPHOF	338.2
DECK H	137.0
DECK U	138.5
0	101.00
INDE	681.5
JFTHANSA	137.0
W	200.1
ARNESMAN	173.2
EREDCES	516.0
ETALGES	297.5
INDORF PT	426.1
DRSK HYD	56.20
HILIP KON	622.1
DSCHKE	559.0
REUSSAG	171.0
HA	215.5
HEINMETAL	279.5
NE P	250.0
ALANANDER	213.7
CHERING	249.5
502.0	501.0
IL	282.1
EMERS	425.9
YSSSEN	151.0
RTA	276.0
BA	254.8
W	159.5
ILKSWAGEN	250.3
250.5	250.5

TELETYPE

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	NITSUB CP	1110	1130
AIJINOMOTO	2900	2870	NITSUB EL	930
AKAI ELEC	605	611	NITSUB HVY	895
AKOI	927	925	NITSU CO	869
ASAI GLS	1850	1860	NITSUKI	1860
ASAI OPT	671	685	NITSUMI EL	1060
BANK TOKYO	1570	1560	NICHICON	1360
BRIDGESTON	1310	1310	NITTON CHNT	801
CANON	1500	1570	NIKKO SEC	1780
CASIO COMP	1460	1520	NIP ELEC	2120
CHUGAI PHM	1520	1530	NIP KOKAN	668
CITIZEN H	810	825	NIP OIL	1070
D-ICHI KAN	2900	2940	NIP STEEL	703
DAI NIP IK	788	791	NIP YUSEN	720
DAI HPI PT	2580	2590	NITSU SEC	1150
DAI HPI SC	1090	1090	OBIA CO	950
DAI HPI TO	658	673	OLYMPUS	1110
DAICEL	835	863	PENTA OCH	870
DAIMA H	2050	2080	PIREER	3680
DAIMA SEC	2310	2310	REKONN	930
EBSA NFG	912	950	RICHI	1500
EISAI	2010	2010	SEIYO ELEC	2000
FUITSU	1850	1890	SEIYO ST	2200
FUJI BANK	3140	3150	SEKISUI PB	1680
FUJI PHOTO	3760	3850	SHARP	1190
FUJI SAWA	1760	1750	TAKEDA CH	2610
FUJI TA CP	707	705	TEIJIN	762
HITACHI	1770	1820	TEI NEW IX	171.31
HONDA MOT	2210	2280	TOE KOGO	671
ISETAN	2280	2300	TOKIO NRN	1940
ITD YOKO	4300	4330	TOKIO ELEC	1260
JAP SY RU	1160	1200	TOKYO GAS	1270
JAPAN AIR	14400	14900	TOKYO POAR	5680
JAPAN MET	645	645	TOSHIBA EL	1110
KAJIMA	1440	1410	TOE NEW IX	183.54
KANSAI EL	3050	3070	TOKIO NRN	1940
KAO SOAP	1710	1700	TOKYO ELEC	1260
KAWASAKI H	635	660	TOKYO GAS	1270
KAWASAKI S	727	748	TOKYO POAR	5780
KIRIN-BREW	1930	1920	TORAY IND	820
KOHATSU	769	770	TOSHIBA EL	1110
KUBATO LTD	750	756	TOTO	2090
KYOCERA	5770	5860	TOE KOGO	671
HAKITA EL	1640	1670	TOYOTA MOT	2740
HARUI	2990	3020	YAMAHA	1410
HATSUTA EI	2710	2760	YAMATOTCHI	1800
HATSUTA O	0	2660	YAMANDUCHI	4000
MEIJI SEIKI	935	925	YANAKAZAKI	1460

Tokyo Stock Market Report

DOLLAR CLOSES MIXED IN CAUTIOUS TOKYO

TOKYO, Aug 24, REUTER - RATE-CHECKING BY THE BANK OF JAPAN AND CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE INTERVENTION BROUGHT THE DOLLAR LOWER AGAINST THE YEN, BUT STRONG INSTITUTIONAL DEMAND NEAR 134 YEN KEPT THE U.S. CURRENCY BUOYED AGAINST THE YEN.

"RATE CHECKING DIDN'T REALLY BRING THE DOLLAR MUCH LOWER, BUT SUPPRESSED FURTHER RISES," SAID DEALER HIROMI OIZUMI AT SUMITOMO TRUST AND BANKING. A NEW YORK TIMES REPORT AN UNNAMED U.S. OFFICIAL SAID THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION DID NOT WANT A FURTHER DOLLAR RISE ALSO DAMPENED SENTIMENT.

THE DOLLAR CLOSED AT 134.30 YEN AND 1.9070/75 MARKS AGAINST 134.05/15 AND 1.9110/20 IN NEW YORK ON TUESDAY. 24-AUG-84 SHK47

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE DOWN IN THIN TRADE

TOKYO, Aug 24, REUTER - SHARES PRICES CLOSED DOWN IN THIN TRADE WITH A SMALL MORNING RALLY FIZZLING OUT AS INVESTORS TOOK PROFITS AND ASSUMED A WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE, BROKERS SAID.

"PEOPLE ARE TAKING A NEUTRAL POSITION. THEY'RE BASICALLY WAITING FOR THE BUNDESBANK TO MAKE UP ITS MIND OR THURSDAY," SAID BRUCE BABCOCK, AN ANALYST WITH PRUDENTIAL-BACHE SECURITIES (JAPAN) LTD. A BUNDESBANK MEETING ON THURSDAY IS EXPECTED TO WEIGH A POSSIBLE INTEREST RATE RISE.

THE NIKKEI INDEX LOST 120.28 POINTS, OR 0.43 PCT, TO 27,799.67. IT SANK 159.23 POINTS ON TUESDAY.

VOLUME WAS A THIN 600 MLN SHARES AGAINST 500 MLN ON TUESDAY, REFLECTING THE DULL SENTIMENT, BROKERS SAID.

FALLS LED RISES BY ABOUT EIGHT TO ONE.

COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRICAL, SECURITIES HOUSE, GAS, PRECISION INSTRUMENT, PHARMACEUTICAL, NOR-LIFE INSURANCE, MINING, AIRLINE, RETAIL AND AUTO SHARES DECLINED.

RAILWAY/BUS, CREDIT/LEASE, ROLLING STOCK, PULP/PAPER, NON-FERROUS METAL, BANK, OIL, WAREHOUSE, SHIPPING AND SERVICE SECTORS ROSE.

AT ONE POINT IN EARLY TRADE THE NIKKEI HAD GAINED 84.21 POINTS TO 28,004.16 IN EARLY TRADE.

EARLY BUYING WAS BOOSTED BECAUSE U.S. JULY CONSUMER PRICE INDEX DATA REPORTED OVERNIGHT WAS WITHIN EXPECTATIONS AND WALL STREET DID NOT MOVE SHARPLY, BROKERS SAID.

BUYING CENTERED ON INCENTIVE-BACKED ISSUES, USUALLY BOUGHT UP IN TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY.

THE THIN TRADING WAS FAST AND SPECULATIVE WITH PEOPLE IN AND OUT FOR SHORT-TERM GAINS, BROKERS SAID.

"INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS ARE MOSTLY OUT OF THE PICTURE," SAID SHIGERU AKIBA, HEAD TRADER AT UBS PHILLIPS AND OREN INTERNATIONAL LTD. INDIVIDUALS AND COMPANIES HAVE DOMINATED THE MARKET RECENTLY, HE ADDED.

THE HANG SENG INDEX FINISHED OFF 11.84 POINTS TO 2,520.29 AND THE HONG KONG INDEX WAS DOWN 8.32 TO 1,663.92. TURNOVER SLIPPED TO 475.28 MLN HKLRS FROM 521.05 HKLRS ON WEDNESDAY.

BROKERS NOTED CATHAY PACIFIC'S REPORT AT MIDDAY OF A 23.2 PCT INTERIN PROFIT GROWTH TO 1.02 BILLION HKLRS FROM 828.8 MLN A YEAR AGO WAS BELOW EXPECTATIONS OF MORE THAN 30 PCT. THE STOCK TOPPED THE ACTIVE LIST, FALLING 25 CENTS TO 8.20 HKLRS.

AMMAN

OPNG	CLSG	JDR LEASING CORP.	0.66	0.62
ALA-ADDIH COMPANY	3.96	JOR LIN BRICK	0.50	0.50
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	3.96	JOR NATIONAL BANK	3.20	

Gold gains

Dollar bows to banks, but grudgingly

LONDON, Aug 24. (Reuters): The dollar eased against the Deutsche mark but still showed surprising resilience today in a third straight day of central bank intervention against it.

A U.S. bank dealer in Frankfurt said he was amazed the intervention hasn't sent the dollar lower. "Demand for dollars has been quite incredible," he said.

Surprisingly high US interest rates needed to fight inflation, returning money into dollars in a bid to stabilise government efforts to stabilise exchange rates.

Highest

West Germany's Bundesbank and the Swiss National Bank sold dollars today after open market intervention earlier this week in most European central banks and the US Federal Reserve.

The dollar ended in London at 1,070.3 Deutsche marks after 1,070.7 on Thursday and recent record high at 1.02. But it

stayed little changed against the yen to close at 134.22.

Speculation the Bundesbank may raise West Germany's discount or Lombard interest rates at a meeting on Thursday helped the mark.

Some dealers also took note of news this week of a record monthly West German trade surplus in June worth almost \$7.5 billion, contrasted with a US deficit for the same month of almost \$12.5 billion.

Wall Street stocks were up in New York this morning taking the Dow Jones industrial average back above 2,000 to 2,002.49 at midday, a gain of 13.16.

Fears

Some dealers say the market was oversold recently on fears of inflation and higher interest rates.

Gold was a little higher at a London afternoon fix of \$433 an ounce after today's 432.60.

UK equity prices rallied from their lows after a surprising early

rally on Wall Street, but volume here remained low. By 1400 GMT a relatively modest 292 million of leading shares had changed hands, dealers said.

At 1430 GMT the FTSE 100 was 2.1 points higher at 1,820.0 after touching a low of 1,810.9 at 0912 GMT. Dealers said the rise from low was helped partly by relief that the Bank of England did not signal another rise in base rates because of a further slide in sterling.

Forecasts

There were no outstanding features today and over 30 per cent of the top 100 shares were unchanged from last night's close.

Traders were bracing themselves for tomorrow's key UK July balance of payments data which could set the scene for the near term trend of interest rates and the London markets.

Recent indications that domestic consumer demand is accelerating, is causing fears that

demand for overseas goods will see the merchandise trade deficit for July exceed the current 1.5 billion sterling Median forecast.

Average forecasts for the more closely watched current account shortfall stand at 950 million sterling compared with just over one billion in the previous month, but traders said a figure of over a billion would come as no surprise.

Worries

Despite worries over another rise in the cost of borrowing, analysts think the UK authorities are likely to hold off signalling any rise in base rates until they see the market's reaction to the balance of payments data.

Sterling closed two basis points off on a trade weighted basis at 75.9, below the psychologically important 76.0 level.

The key three month sterling interbank rate, used as a guide to base rates, was trading quietly 1/8 point up on the day at 11-3/4

5/8 per cent, clearly already discounting a 1/2 point rise in base rates to 11-1/2 per cent.

In spite of all the worries over base rates, inflation and the balance of payments, dealers said the market was still underpinned by strong growth in corporate earnings.

This, together with fairly high dividend yields and an increase in institutional liquidity is making fund managers very reluctant to pare equity positions further, they said.

International industrial conglomerate Hanson PLC, unchanged at 142p, was top of the actives list with over 7.6 million of its shares changing hands in the wake of third quarter results. Hanson reported third quarter pre-tax profits of 249 million sterling against 205 million in the corresponding period last year.

The Hanson profits came at the upper end of market expectations.

Du Pont and University of Houston sign pact on superconductivity

HOUSTON, Texas, Aug 24. (AP): The University of Houston and Du Pont Co. on Tuesday signed what officials said was the first agreement for a company to license and commercialise superconducting products and processes based on discoveries of school researcher Paul Chu.

The university receives an initial payment of \$1.5 million under the agreement. In addition, Du Pont will pay the school \$1.5 million upon issuance to the university of a US patent covering the superconducting material developed by Chu, considered a world leader in the field, and another \$1.5 million two years after that patent is issued.

Products

Richard van Horn, University president, said the agreement could be worth millions more to the school because of royalties amounting to 50 per cent on products of commercial interest to Du Pont and 75 per cent on

products not of commercial interest.

"It's very hard to estimate," Van Horo said. "It could be in the area of \$4 million or it could be the sky's the limit. It could be 10 million or 20 million or more. It certainly will be in the millions of dollars."

Discovery

The money will go for further research at the university, he said.

Superconductors are materials that conduct electricity without resistance and repel magnetic fields. Their use had been limited by the need to cool them with liquid helium to minus 450 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 270 degrees Centigrade), but Chu and his research team, who he referred to as "unknown heroes," found a new superconductor that works at higher temperatures.

Officials of Du Pont and the University of Houston said it was difficult to estimate when products may become commercially available or what those products might be.

ble liquid nitrogen as a coolant. Until that discovery, superconductivity could be achieved only with the much scarcer liquid helium.

A superconducting material that works at room temperature holds the promise of major advances in the production and use of electricity, more powerful magnets and motors, more sensitive medical equipment and more powerful beams for smashing atoms.

Chu, who under the standard university agreement stands to personally gain half of the profits the school receives from patents, said Du Pont's presence would enable the benefits of discoveries in his laboratory to get more quickly into commercial development.

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Quarterly US trade deficit drop steepest in more than 5 years

WASHINGTON, Aug 24. (AP): The US trade deficit fell by 14.9 per cent from April through June, the biggest improvement in more than five years, the government reported today.

The Commerce Department said that record level of US exports and the first quarterly decline in imports in three years pushed the deficit down to \$29.9 billion in the second quarter.

Exports

Sales of both farm and non-farm products rose during the quarter as the decline in the value of the dollar continued to make American goods competitive once again on foreign markets.

Agricultural exports rose 7 per cent to \$9.7 billion, the highest level since the second quarter of 1984, reflecting in part a jump in prices.

The improvement came in non-oil imports as petroleum imports actually rose during the quarter.

report said the sharp price increases did not reflect the effects of this summer's drought, indicating that further steep price increases will be on the way.

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Deficit

The trade deficit decreased with every major geographic area with the exception of Canada, the country's largest trading partner. The Canadian deficit rose by \$500 million to \$4.1 billion.

As usual, the largest deficit was with Japan, an imbalance of \$11.9 billion, down \$1.1 billion from the first quarter.

The deficit with Latin America decreased \$1.5 billion to \$1.7 billion while the deficit with Western Europe fell \$900 million to \$3.8 billion.

EEC to defend itself against US trade bill if necessary

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Aug 24. (AP): The European Economic Community said today it stands ready to defend its international trade rights against any possible infringement by a new US trade bill.

US President Ronald Reagan signed the bill into law on Tuesday.

It gives US negotiators more bargaining room at international trade talks, boosts US ability to fight restrictive trade policies of other nations and allows the president to block foreign investments if these are seen to impair US national security.

EEC External Relations Commissioner Willy de Clercq said in a statement that the bill confirmed a US tendency "to interpret international trading rules unilaterally."

Interests

He added: "The community stands ready to defend its legitimate interests each time these are threatened by unilateral measures ... by US authorities on the basis of the trade bill."

He said he will seek an "adequate" EEC response to the bill when the EEC foreign ministers meet here on Sept 26.

De Clercq said the EEC had

a reaction from the member states.

He said the contents of the bill clashed with Reagan's strong views on free trade guarantees.

Reagan said in a speech that the bill "could lead to an import fee that would be illegal according to international law and inconsistent with our goal of moving toward a free world trade."

In his statement, De Clercq said the United States had declared at the Toronto summit of industrialised nations in June that "nations must continue to resist protectionism and the temptation to adopt unilateral measures."

The EEC also was party to the declaration.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Aug 24. (Reuters): Prices closed firmer in early trading as major bank stocks and some blue chip industrials created a firm under tone. The All Ordinaries index closed up 3.4 at 1,612.9.

TOKYO: Prices closed down in thin trading with a small mor-

ning rally fizzling out as investors took profits and assumed a wait-and-see attitude. The Nikkei index fell 120.28 to 27,799.67.

HONG KONG: Stocks gave up early gains to close lower, partly due to worse-than-expected corporate results. The Hang Seng index fell 11.84 to 2,520.29.

SINGAPORE: Prices closed marginally lower on lack of follow-through buying support and selective profit-taking in quiet trading. The Straits Times industrial index, which has fallen for 11 straight days, dropped 1.99 to 1,065.03.

BOMBAY: The exchange was closed for the Parsi New Year. Trading results on Thursday.

FRANKFURT: Shares closed a little firmer but off early highs, bolstered by signs that an easing dollar was taking the pressure off the Bundesbank to raise interest rates. The Dax Index rose 5.3 to 1,161.27.

ZURICH: The market closed little changed in line with other stock markets. The All-Swiss Swiss Index rose 0.5 to 894.1.

PARIS: Prices ended the continuous session firmer, spurred by Wall Street's opening rally. But trading was cautious, with interest rate tension still hanging over the market.

LONDON: Prices rose from their lows after a surprising early rally on Wall Street but volume in London remained slight. At 1430 GMT the FTSE 100 index was up 2.1 at 1,820.

NEW YORK: Stocks in mid-morning were holding most of their early gains, with blue chips down slightly from their highest levels. The Dow was up 16 at 2,007.

Kuwait money supply growth slows

1,394.5 million against KD 1,394.5 million against KD 1,394.5 million in the previous month.

The Central Bank offered four issues totalling KD 400 million for treasury bills and KD 50 million for treasury bonds.

Meanwhile, the seventh and eighth issues of treasury bills, both totalling KD 190 million, have matured.

The average KD exchange rate fell in June against the US dollar by 1.03 per cent, compared to its decline by 0.16 per cent in the previous month. The US dollar exchange rate ranged between 275.15 fils and 381.03 fils, with a monthly average of 276.92 fils.

For the third consecutive month, money market interest rates on interbank KD deposits increased, but at rates much lower than those in the previous month.

Interest rates on all maturities appreciated and at rates of, for example, 6.19 per cent (from 6.11 per cent to 6.49 per cent) on one-year deposits, 4.06 per cent (from 6.24 per cent to 6.50 per cent) on three-month deposits and 3.10 per cent (from 6.32 per cent to 6.52 per cent) on one-month deposits.

At the end of June, the public debt instruments reached KD 1,394.5 million against KD 1,394.5 million in the previous month.

The KD exchange rate improved against all other major currencies at varied rates, the highest (3.36 per cent) of which was against the pound sterling, and lowest (0.5 per cent) being against the Japanese yen.

Whereas these rates amounted to 2.52 per cent, 2.43 per cent,

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Qualifier upsets Savchenko

MAHWAH, N.J., Aug 24. (Reuter): Julie Halard of France, a 17-year-old qualifier, made the most of her chance by ousting seventh seed Larisa Savchenko of the Soviet Union in the first round of the Mahwah Classic tennis tournament yesterday.

Halard, one of three French players to advance, surprised Savchenko, ranked 17th in the world, 7-6 (7-4) 6-2.

Tournament favourite Steffi Graf of West Germany had her second-round match suspended in the second game by rain.

Broken

Graf, aiming to complete a Grand Slam sweep by winning the upcoming US Open, was broken in the first game by 16-year-old Arantxa Sanchez of Spain on four unforced errors.

But the world's number one player earned a double break point at 15-40 in the second game when the match was stopped by a steady rainfall.

Savchenko gave a half-hearted effort in the second set against Halard and won only two points on her last three service games. She double faulted three successive times in the sixth game.

"I think that she was tanking the match in the second set," said Halard, who is ranked 53rd. "All she seemed to do was make mistakes."

Joining Halard into the second round were her compatriots Isabelle Demongeot and Nathalie Tauziat. Both players advanced after losing the opening set.

Demongeot eliminated Judith Wiesner of Austria 4-6 6-4 6-1, while Tauziat beat Etsuko Inoue of Japan 4-6 6-0 6-2.

Opening

"I was upset with myself after I was only one point away from a 4-1 lead in the opening set," said Demongeot. "I was able to attack the ball early in those final two sets and got to the net quickly."

Veteran Dianne Balestrat, 32, also came from behind to edge 18-year-old Nicole Provin in an all-Australian match, 2-6 6-4 7-5.

"It was very close and tough," said Balestrat, twice a semifinalist at the French Open. "She did show me a lot of fighting spirit."

Cash pulls out of US Open

NEW YORK, Aug 24. (Reuter): Pat Cash, the 1987 Wimbledon champion, has pulled out of the US Open tennis championships starting next week because of an Achilles tendon injury, organisers said.

Cash, ranked seventh in the world, has been hampered by the injury of late and was knocked out early in last week's ATP championships and in the Stratton Mountain event in Vermont prior to that.

Runner-up

The 23-year-old Cash began the year strong and was runner-up to Mats Wilander of Sweden in the Australian Open, the first Grand Slam event of 1988.

Since losing to Boris Becker of West Germany in the quarter-finals at Wimbledon, however, the Australian's game has floundered.

Sampras and Bates triumph

RYE BROOK, N.Y., Aug 24. (Reuter): Seventeen-year-old qualifier Pete Sampras of the United States pounded in 12 aces on his way to 7-2, 7-6 upset victory over top seed Michel Schapers of the Netherlands in the Rye Brook tennis tournament yesterday.

Next up for Sampras will be Jeremy Bates of Britain, who beat back to beat New Zealand's Steve Guy 1-6, 6-4, 7-6, winning the decisive tiebreaker by 9-7 in his first-round match.

Javier Firman of Argentina was the only other seeded player in action. The eighth seed prevailed over American Leif Shiras 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.

Italy thrash Spain 10-0

FLORENCE, Italy, Aug 24. (AP): Gianguido Poma hit a three-run homer to highlight a seven-run outburst in the second inning as Italy crushed Spain 10-0 yesterday in the opening game of the World Baseball Championships.

Italy tagged Spain's starting pitcher Manuel Jemenez for seven runs on six hits and five walks in just 1 1-3 innings.

The game was called in the bottom of the seventh inning when Guglielmo Trinci rapped a two-run double that put Italy ahead 10-0. Under international rules, the contest is cut short if a team leads by 10 runs or more in the seventh inning and beyond.

Italy's starting pitcher, Paulo Cecaroli, got the victory. He allowed just four hits in six innings, while walking one and striking out eight.

WORLD NO. 19 EYES LENDL

Jarryd crushes Lundgren



Jarryd: wants to see how well he is playing

JERICHO, N.Y., Aug 24. (Reuter): Anders Jarryd played strong from the service line to defeat fellow-Swede Peter Lundgren 6-2 6-3 in the first round of the \$190,000 Hamlet Challenge Cup tennis tournament.

Jarryd disregarded a chilling wind and allowed only seven points in eight service games in the 65-minute match.

Shape

"Under the circumstances, the cold and the wind, I played well," said Jarryd who next plays the winner of a match between top-seed Ivan Lendl and Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland.

"I have come here in good shape for the (US) Open which begins next week," said Jarryd, ranked 19th in the world. "If I play Lendl it will give me a good chance to see just how I am playing."

World number one Lendl, who will seek his fourth straight US Open title, was to play Hlasek this evening.

Lundgren, ranked 34th, came

close to breaking Jarryd's service only once, in the last game of the first set when he held two break-points. But still, Lundgren did not go down without a struggle.

Lundgren erased four Jarryd match points in the final game before losing when he failed to return a shot to the baseline which he claimed should have been called out.

"It was tough for me to say if the ball was in or out," Jarryd said later. "But in Sweden it is a sports mentality. We don't think long about calls."

Rain forced a postponement of the second match of the programme between Amos Mansdorf of Israel and American Aaron Krickstein, with the Israeli leading 6-5 in the first set.

When the match resumes this evening, Mansdorf, who had overcome a 2-5 deficit, will be serving for the set. The victor will play the winner of a match between third-seeded Boris Becker of West Germany and American Jimmy Arias.

Longo wins women's pursuit cycling title

GHENT, Belgium, Aug 24. (AP): France's Jeanine Longo came from behind to edge Barbara Ganz by the smallest of margins to win the pursuit title at the World Track Cycling Championships yesterday.

The outcome was long in doubt. Organisers first announced Ganz as the winner.

But after checking the times again, they said Longo finished in 3:47.548 compared to Ganz's 3:47.545.

"I knew the timing gun shot at the end was for me when I crossed the line," said Longo.

US rider Melinda Mayfield Garttis upset Tea Vikstedt Nyman of Finland also in a come-from-behind effort to claim the bronze medal.

In the final, Longo trailed by 0.57 seconds with one kilometre to go in the three-kilometre race but always remained within striking distance.

"I led for so long and I had to say to myself: you're not going to let this one slip away," she said.

Longo, who goes to the Seoul Olympic Games to compete in the road race, said training for such long-distance races had cost her. "Too much road made me vulnerable on the track," she said.

Longo had already won the world title in 1986, but was beaten by US pursuit specialist Rebecca Twigg, who was not in Ghent to defend her title. Longo was second to Twigg three times over the last four years.

Ganz had been unable to split the two top standings and her best showing was a bronze in 1986, when Longo won.

Results

American League	
New York	3
Baltimore	10
Minnesota	7
Cleveland	6
Kansas City	11
Toronto	7
Seattle	AT
Pittsburgh	2
Chicago	9
St Louis	9
New York	5
Montreal	2
Oakland	4
Detroit	5
Milwaukee	2
Texas	2
Atlanta	7
Philadelphia	1
Los Angeles	1
San Francisco	0

Twins overcome Tigers

Royals outplay Rangers

NEW YORK, Aug 24. (AP): The Kansas City Royals had a wild time in Texas.

The Royals combined six walks with four hits and a wild pitch, rallying for eight runs with two outs in the top of the ninth inning last night for a stunning 14-7 victory over the Texas Rangers.

"You've got a four-run lead going into the ninth, you've got to figure the bullpen's going to do the job," Rangers manager Rafael Santana said. "But we ran into big trouble. We gave it what four hits."

Blue Jays 7, White Sox 2

Don Mattingly singled home the winning run in the ninth inning and New York ended its four-game losing streak by beating visiting Oakland. Rafael Santana opened the ninth with a single and took second on a one-out single by Claudell Washington, who had four hits.

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Indians 6, Brewers 2

Joe Carter doubled twice and Rich Yett pitched five-hit ball for seven innings as Cleveland won at Milwaukee. Paul Zuvella hit an RBI double during a three-run fifth and Carter and Mel Hall had run-scoring doubles during a three-run seventh.

Pirates 2, Reds 0

Dave Lopatin, 2-0, won his second consecutive game since his trade to Pittsburgh and his fifth straight overall, giving up four hits in 7 2-3 innings. Jim Gott finished with one-out relief for his 24th save.

Red Sox 10, Angels 2

Mike Greenwell drove in his Major League-leading 100th

America's Cup controversy beneficial, says Conner

NEW YORK, Aug 24. (AP): The lengthy court battle over the America's Cup confused the public and shook up the tradition-bound sport of sailing. But skipper Dennis Conner says the controversy may be the "best thing that's ever happened" to yacht racing.

"The America's Cup is bigger now than it's ever been," he said yesterday. "Sure, there has been controversy and bizarre twists. And sure, sometimes it was like a soap opera. But like (former US president) Harry Truman used to say, 'I don't care what you write about me, just spell the name right.'"

When the best-of-three series is over, Conner's Stars and Stripes and Michael Fay's New Zealand boat begins Sept 7 off the coast of San Diego. It will spell relief for both sides.

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Passarella (standing, extreme left) with the team he led to the 1978 World Cup.

Falah aims to improve on last year's performance

By Gail Seery

A BRAND new, 340bhp engine, imported specially from the UK is the centrepiece of Eid Falah's bid to win this year's Marlboro Desert Challenge, which kicks off with the Bahrain BP 2000 feef on September 8 and 9.

Eid Falah feels that if all goes well he has a good chance of winning one of the initial rounds, preferably Bahrain, and therefore of qualifying for the final in Dubai in December.

"I have driven in Bahrain before, so I am familiar with some of the stages. I'm sure I can get a better result than last year."

In this sport, where the difference between first and second place can often be measured in terms of cash investment, sponsorship counts. Eid Falah is very lucky to be the only Kuwaiti driver with full sponsorship in terms of car, equipment and support. No matter how good a

driver is, he cannot win a rally without the aid of not only his co-driver, but also his service crew. In this sport, as in all motorsport, teamwork is vital.

Falah drives an Al Zayani prepared and supported Range Rover — the first locally prepared vehicle of its calibre to compete in Kuwait. Although the Al Zayani company is relatively new to rally sponsorship it has entered wholeheartedly into the sport, progressively strengthening and improving their vehicle.

Overall

Falah took the first win of his career in the Zayani Range Rover in the last locally prior to that, his best result was a second in round 2 of the 1987 championship, and second in the Kuwait round of last year's Marlboro Desert Challenge, where he pegged Ahmed Al Hilai's lead back to 14 seconds. He had gone to Bahrain in second place overall, and felt that a win in the Challenge was not

impossible. However suspension problems pushed him back to fourth, and he failed to finish in the final round which was held in Jordan, dropping out when firmly in the lead. Even so, he took fourth place overall in the challenge, a commendable showing for this comparatively inexperienced driver.

Falah is very enthusiastic about his new car. "It's very special, and has everything prepared especially for racing, from the engine to the gearbox and the shock absorbers. Zayani also gives me a practice car for Bahrain, which will make my practising much more effective. Everything is fantastic with the car, if I have no problems I will do well."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Swimmer dies

DOVER, England, Aug. 24. (AP): A Brazilian woman described as a marathon swimmer of worldwide status died yesterday during a bid to swim the English Channel, the Coast Guard reported. Renata Camara Agondi, 20, was hauled from the sea into her escort boat when she got into difficulty eight miles from Cap Gris Nez on the French coast. A British Royal Air Force helicopter flew her to Calais, France, where she died in an ambulance on the way to a hospital, the Coast Guard said.

Golf tourney

PORTLAND, Oregon, Aug. 24. (AP): Paul Azinger rolled in a six-foot (1.8 metre) birdie putt on the 18th hole yesterday to give him and teammate Bob Tway a one-shot victory in the \$650,000 Fred Meyer challenge golf tourna-

Soviet player

MOSCOW, Aug. 24. (Reuter): Italian soccer club Juventus paid \$5 million for Dynamo Kiev midfielder Alexander Zavarov, the Soviet government newspaper Izvestia quoted Kiev trainer Valery Lobanovsky as saying today.

Title fight

TOKYO, Aug. 24. (Reuter): World Boxing Association (WBA) junior-featherweight champion Juan Jose Estrada of Mexico will defend his title against Japan's Takuji Muguruma on October 16 in Osaka, western Japan, organizers said today.

Mondry ahead

HOT SPRINGS, Virginia, Aug. 24. (AP): Josh Mondry of Michigan birdied five of the last six holes en route to a 4-under-par 66 that gave him the lead after yesterday's first round of stroke play at the 88th US Amateur Golf Tournament.

Thomas Hearns

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 24. (AP): Thomas Hearns, the first fighter to win world titles in four weight divisions, will shoot for a fifth championship when he meets World Boxing Association super middleweight champion Fulgencio Obelmeijas on Nov. 4, promoters announced at a news conference yesterday.

KCL season

A MEETING to conduct the draws for the 1988-89 Kuwait Cricket League (KCL) season will be held at the KCL president's residence (Villa 12, Street 6, Block 6, Surra) tomorrow at 6.30 pm. All the teams interested in taking part in the KCL events must send a representative to the meeting. The season is scheduled to start on Sept. 2.

Goans soccer

INCREDIBLE XI meet Boys Own Club in the final of the United Goans Centre soccer tournament tomorrow at the Soor grounds at 4.00 pm. Incredible are the reigning champions.

RESULTS of Sheraton Bridge Club game held on Tuesday.

N/S
1) Meouchi & M. Zanuzzi
2) F. Farah & G. Latola
3) J. Darke & V. Babino
E/W
1) S. Drexler & K. Mukherjee
2) Salman Ali & I.B. Matrouk
3) Sape & Gajjar
and Ravi Bhat & D. Pereira

IOC chief drops plan to invite Coe to Seoul

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Aug. 24. (Reuter): Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), said today he would not after all seek a special invitation for British athlete Sebastian Coe to compete in Seoul.

Samaranch told Reuters that in view of the opposition from other athletes he had dropped plans to secure a 'wild card' entry for Coe. 1,500 metres gold medallist at the 1980 and 1984 Olympics in Moscow and Los Angeles.

Spoken

Samaranch said: "I must say I am very disappointed at the way things have turned out. I have spoken to Sebastian Coe and told him what I have decided."

"But I have invited him to be present in Seoul as my honoured guest."

The IOC chief launched his campaign to secure Coe's participation in Seoul following the double Olympic champion's failure to win a place in the British team at either 800 or 1,500 metres.

"As you are aware I wrote to the British Amateur Athletic Board (BAAB) asking if some

PRINGLE AND FOSTER SHINE

Essex thrash Worcestershire

LONDON, Aug. 24. (Reuter): England Test bowlers Neil Foster and Derek Pringle helped Essex in their late title thrust as they hustled second-placed Worcestershire to a 77-run defeat in the English County Championship yesterday.

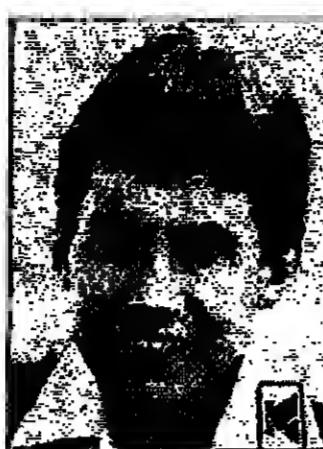
Worcestershire found a 295 target beyond them on an unreliable pitch that was fully exploited by Foster and Pringle, who both put in morale-boosting bowling figures ahead of England's Test against Sri Lanka tomorrow.

Foster finished with two wickets in three balls and took four for 61 in a match haul of 10 for 126. Pringle had three for 74 as Worcestershire were bowled out for 217. England recruit Phil Newport offered the only touch of defiance with 34.

The 23 points gained means third-placed Essex have moved within five points of Worcestershire and are 21 behind Kent, who failed to force a result over Gloucestershire.

Kent were frustrated by bad light after pace bowler Richard Ellison put them in sight of an unlikely victory by claiming five wickets as Gloucestershire, chasing 227, made 144 for seven.

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Foster: 10 for 126



Pringle: three for 74

In poor light captain Chris Cowdrey called on paceman Alan Iglesden with four of the last 20 overs left, but the umpires offered the batsmen the light and off they went to leave Kent with just their seven bonus points.

Earlier Kent declared at 184 for seven, with Mark Benson making 54 and Simon Hinks a rapid 44.

Meanwhile four English teams swiftly started the bidding yesterday for Test cricketer Phillip DeFreitas, who is to quit his county league club Leicestershire

at the end of the season.

Hampshire, Worcestershire, Nottinghamshire and Surrey all hinted they were in the market for the 22-year-old all-rounder, who announced on Monday he was leaving the club because he was not happy there.

Results

At Trent Bridge: Surrey beat Nottinghamshire by nine wickets. Nottinghamshire 144 in 69.1 overs and 182 (P. Richardson 50, P. Newport four for 56), Worcestershire 150 in 52.4 overs and 217 (N. Foster four for 61). Essex 23 points, Worcestershire four.

At Old Trafford: match

At Hinckley: Leicestershire beat Somerset by seven wickets. Somerset 164 in 55 overs and 170 (V. Marks, 50 G. Ferris four for 32), Leicestershire 233 in 74.4 overs and 103 for three. Leicestershire 22 points, Somerset five.

At Wellingborough: Northamptonshire beat Glamorgan by seven wickets. Glamorgan 220 in 88.4 overs and 157 (M. Robinson four for 19, R. Bailey three for 27), Northamptonshire 201 for three declared in 57.5 overs and 178 for three (A. Lamb 104 not out). Northamptonshire 22 points, Glamorgan three.

At Uttoxeter: Middlesex beat Warwickshire by seven wickets. Warwickshire 212 in 75.2 overs and 158 (D. Reeve 41, N. Cowans four for 48, A. Fraser three for 25), Middlesex 274 in 98.2 overs and 97 for three (M. Gatting 45 not out, M. Roseberry 41 not out). Middlesex 23 points, Warwickshire six.

At Worcester: Essex beat Worcestershire by 77 runs. Essex 262 for nine declared in 101.1 overs and 182 (P. Richardson 50, P. Newport four for 56), Worcestershire 150 in 52.4 overs and 217 (N. Foster four for 61). Essex 23 points, Worcestershire four.

At Old Trafford: match

drawn. Lancashire 197 in 65.1 overs and 220 for one declared (M. Atherton 115 not out, N. Fairbrother 50 not out, G. Fowler 40), Derbyshire 157 for three declared in 41 overs and 142 for eight (J. Morris 86 not out, M. Watkinson six for 50). Derbyshire five points, Lancashire two.

At Bristol: match drawn. Kent 301 for five declared in 98.1 overs and 184 for seven declared (M. Benson 58, S. Hinks 44, M. Pooley four for 80), Gloucestershire 259 for seven declared in 75 overs and 161 for seven (P. Romains 61, R. Ellison five for 46). Kent seven points, Gloucestershire five.

Standings

English County Championships cricket table after yesterday's results (table under played, won, lost, drawn, batting bonus points, bowling bonus points, total points):

County	W	L	D	Batting	Bowling	Total
Worcestershire	19	9	4	6	48	60252
Essex	19	7	5	7	51	60231
Warwickshire	19	6	7	8	43	64203
Middlesex	19	7	3	9	39	50201
Leicestershire	19	9	2	11	40	50199
Notts	19	6	6	27	44	50199
Somerset	19	5	5	9	40	56184
Surrey	19	5	4	9	45	58183
Northants	19	5	6	8	39	61180
Gloucestershire	19	4	6	8	46	50170
Derbyshire	19	4	13	7	38	55155
Yorkshire	18	3	6	9	36	54138
Sussex	18	2	9	7	29	57118
Hampshire	18	2	5	11	28	54114
Glamorgan	18	0	12	34	42	76

Sri Lanka have reason for optimism in Lord's Test



Madugalle: Sri Lanka captain

LONDON, Aug. 24. (Reuter): Sri Lanka have never managed to beat even an English county team; but they will not be without hope when they face a national side demoralised and in disarray in the Lord's Test which begins tomorrow.

Although regarded as minnows in top-class international cricket, they have some reason for optimism when they face England in the sole Test of their short tour.

Five of their batsmen have made centuries in their seven drawn matches against county sides during the current tour and captain Ranjan Madugalle showed his class with 97 against Hampshire.

Their one previous Test in this country, four years ago and also at Lord's, should also give them encouragement. Then they were sent in to bat and proceeded to grind the England attack into the ground as they compiled a first innings 491 for seven before declaring.

Managed

Need to score over seven runs per victory, Lanka Lions were never in the chase for runs and managed only 98 for the loss of eight wickets in the allotted overs.

Dawood was the main wicket-taker for Galaxy with four for 20 while Shabir got one wicket.

The other semifinal between Crown and Morning Star is scheduled to be held on September 26.

Galaxy blast Lanka Lions in semifinals

GALAXY Cricket Club moved into the final of the KCL Summer League cricket tournament with a 34-run victory over Lanka Lions at the NC ground earlier this week.

Galaxy, batting first, put on 132 for the loss of six wickets in their 18 overs. Ashraf was the highest scorer with 50 while Abdul Razzaq hit 29, Shabir Agna 25 and Baber 11.

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Falling

After dismissing England for 370, Sri Lanka then made 294 for seven in their second innings, then their captain Dulip Mendis failing by only six runs to complete his second century of the drawn match.

On that occasion, England had just been handed a 5-0 drubbing by West Indies in the earlier part of the summer. This time, they enter the match against Sri Lanka with a marginally better record after having just succumbed to the Caribbean machine only 4-0.

Such is the despair of the English selectors they have made six changes in the line-up to face Sri Lanka, bringing to 31 the number of players they have chosen during the season.

Four of those, bowlers David Lawrence and Phil Newport, wicketkeeper Jack Russell and batsman Kim Barnett, have not played in a Test before which should go some way towards evening out the experience, or lack of it, between the two sides.

Manager Abu Fuard said: "We have put him in the squad of 14 but he will probably not be fit."

Even without Mahanama, Sri Lanka batcapably down to number eight and Fuard will be fit. Sri Lanka's other selection issue is whether to use one or two spinners. "When the pitch is cut in the morning we will know more about the best side," said Fuard.

Sri Lanka (from): A. Silva, B. Kuruppu, R. Mahanama, A. Samarasekera, A. de Silva, A. Ranatunga, R. Madurasinghe, R. Madugalle (captain), D. Mendis, R. Ratanayake, G. Labrooy, S. Ahangama, C. Ramanayake, B. Rajadurai.

Australia's tour schedule altered

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 24. (Reuter): The first two matches of Australia's cricket tour of Pakistan have been brought forward a day to avoid a sensitive national day.

Pakistan cricket board secretary Arif Ahbabi said that the opening three-day match in Rawalpindi would begin on September 5 instead of September 6 as originally planned.

The second three-day game, in western Quetta city, will be from September 9-12. September 11, anniversary of the death of Pakistan's revered founder Mohammad Ali Jinnah and a public holiday, will be a rest day.

The first of the three Tests will begin on September 15 in Karachi.

Quoted

Ahbabai, speaking by telephone, confirmed that Imran Khan would not be captaining the side. "There's no doubt about that," he said.

Imran has been quoted in several press interviews as saying he would not take part in the five-week tour because it was too hot and humid in Pakistan at this time of year to play cricket.

Ahbabi said an announcement on the captaincy would be made later.

The Australian embassy in Islamabad is closely monitoring the situation in Pakistan following the suspected assassination of President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq a week ago, a spokesman said.



Coe: not getting a 'wild card'

way could be found for Seb Coe to take part in the Olympics," Samaranch added.

The BAAB rejected Samaranch's plea, which spokesman Tony Ward described as "quite extraordinary", and the IOC president then began lobbying

Angles four years ago, said yesterday: "I object to the rules being changed for just one person."

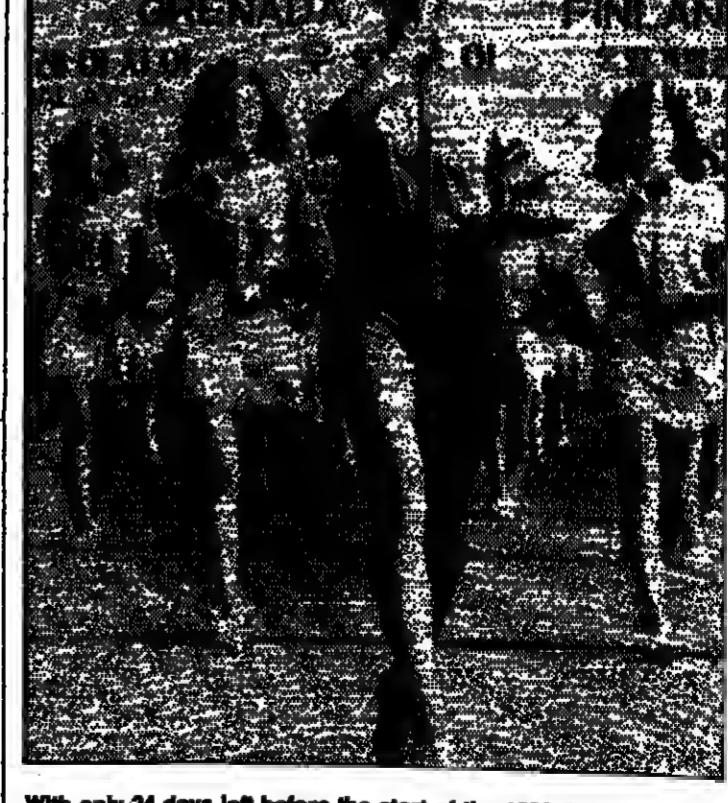
The IOC president said that in a special case like this there had to be agreement by all parties concerned. "This invitation would have been truly exceptional."

"A wild card entry like this is not in the Olympic charter but can be allowed if the international federations permit it."

"I am sorry at the opposition to what would have been a fitting honour for a great athlete and a great sports personality," he added.

Asked if he was surprised by the vehemence of other athletes' opposition, Palmer said: "It's understandable really ... I can understand their feeling that Seb was being given special consideration just on his athletics performances."

"But I don't think he was. I believe Mr Samaranch also took into consideration his work in the Olympic movement."



With only 24 days left before the start of the 1988 Olympics, 161 South Korean picket girls rehearsed for the opening ceremony at Seoul stadium. (Reuter wirephoto)